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## County approves \$10.4 million budget

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission opened its meeting Monday by recognizing the Foster Grandparent Program. There were eleven out of twenty-two participants of the program present at the commission meeting. Commissioners also signed a proclamation proclaiming this week as Foster Grandparent Week in Coffee County.

Monday's meeting was relatively short with the commission approving next year's budget and hearing a report of the highway department's activity from county engineer Randy Tindell.

Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year '99 budget by a 6 to 1 vote with Commissioner Doug Dalrymple casting the lone dissenting vote. The budget is \$10.4 million - \$.3 million less than last year's budget.

Commissioner Dalrymple expressed his concern over the amount of money being allotted for road work in the new budget. He feels that not enough of the county residents' tax dollars are being returned to them in the form of better (paved) roads.

He cited that last year several thousand dollars of the road and bridge fund was transferred to the general fund and this year - 1999 is no different - \$122,000 of the R & B fund is set to go to the general fund.

Commission Chairman Robert Stephens reminded Dalrymple that \$288,000 comes out of the general fund for annual payment on the new Enterprise Courthouse - one of which has already been made and the new facility isn't even occupied at this point!

Commissioner Kayo Lewis responded to Dalrymple, "Everyone is entitled to their opinion and certainly Commissioner Dalrymple is entitled to his. Personally, I think we've done a good job on the budget."

He added, "I also think that we have done a good job on paving and fixing roads."

Engineer Tindell gave the commissioners a comprehensive report of what his department had accomplished during the past year.

Some of the highlights of the report were as follows: resurfaced 11 roads totaling 27.5 miles; constructed 2 new bridge culverts; paved two dirt roads totaling 6 miles; completed 16 culvert repair projects; striped centerline on 55 roads; sprayed right-of-ways totaling about 9,000 acres and moved twice for about 4,500 acres; completed 701 work orders from county residents; placed 6,215 tons of rock on dirt roads; blazed 2,358 miles of roads; and moved more than 206,080 yards of dirt for the construction of cell 4 at the county landfill at a savings of more than \$302,000 (contract dollars) to the county.

Tindell said, "1998 has probably been one of the busiest years that I've faced as a county engineer."

He stated that the county had had more work under contract this year than ever in the history of the highway department.

Tindell concluded his report by saying, "I'm pleased with what we've done."

New Brocton Mayor Britt Lee addressed the commission on behalf of the New Brocton Senior Citizen Center. He told commissioners that

the Center's van (1988 model) was in bad shape and no longer trustworthy. The van is used to deliver meals, go on field trips, take seniors grocery shopping, plus many other things.

Lee asked for the commission's help in getting the van repaired or replaced. The commission voted unanimously to give the Center \$2,500 toward this project. The Center has already raised \$1,000 toward this goal.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook told commissioners that the comprehensive engineering plan for a county water system had been completed by Hicks & Associates. State Representative Garrett Moore was on hand to present the commission a letter committing \$10,000 from ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) to go toward paying for this study.

In presenting the letter to the commission, Moore complimented Westbrook on the work she had done in getting this study completed. "She deserves all the credit for this - she did all the leg work," he said.

Finally, Commissioner Bernest Brooks asked for a status report on the implementation of accounting controls to hopefully prevent the stealing of county funds in the future.

Kathy Lolley, assistant county administrator, noted that one of the biggest problems was that, in the past, one person was responsible for collecting money and recording the transaction. That is no longer the case. As many as four individuals will be involved in the collection

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## County school system recognizes media

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County School Board met in regular session last Thursday and wasted little time in getting through its 16-item agenda.

Most of last Thursday's business dealt with routine matters such as out-of-state travel, accepting bids on building maintenance, and presentations.

Two members of the local press, Shelley Brigan with *The Enterprise Ledger* and Marvin McLwain, editor of *The Elba Clipper*, were presented resolutions placing them on the Alabama Association of School Boards' statewide Media Honor Roll. The two reporters were recognized for the board for their balanced and accurate reporting of challenges facing the schools, and the achievements of both teachers and students.

The board recognized Stanley Walker, former principal of New Brocton High School, for his 23 years of dedicated service to education. He was presented a plaque.

Board members granted a request by Superintendent Roger Bowden that Lori Carter be allowed to attend a seminar on the Pre-School Early Intervention Program. The event is being held in Niceville, Florida.

Superintendent Bowden informed the board that he would seek class waivers from the State Board of Education.

He stated that several classes in the county system exceed the state-mandated pupil-teacher ratio. Most of the classes are only slightly - one to two - over the required number with the largest overage consisting of four students.

Bowden's grounds for the request are based on two facts: one - the county has spent all the money allotted by the state on hiring new teachers and in addition, hired sixteen more teachers using local funds and funds acquired through federal programs; two - the county has run out of space and no funds are available to build new classrooms.

The superintendent told board members that he felt confident that the waivers would be granted by the state.

Board members were presented with copies of state and federal laws recently passed that will affect certain board policies. They were

asked to review them and be ready at the next meeting to pass appropriate measures incorporating them into the adopted policy.

The members were also asked by Bowden to review the Parent/Student Information Guide and adopt it at the next meeting. "It will carry the weight of board policy," he said.

Another matter brought to the board's attention was that of unitary status - unitary meaning that all races are treated equally and as a unit.

Bowden stated that Coffee County School System is one of eighteen school systems that have not been declared unitary by U. S. District Judge Harold Albrighton.

The judge has scheduled a meeting with representatives from these 18 school systems to lay out the necessary steps that will need to be taken in order for them to receive unitary status.

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**HARVISON HONORED...** Now it's official, Nell Harvison has retired. A belated reception for Nell was held last Wednesday after being interrupted by another flood. A large crowd gathered in the main courtroom of the Elba Courthouse where Nell spent more than 40 years serving Coffee County to pay tribute to her for the many years of service. Pictured above with Nell are four of the Probate Judges that she served. They are (l-r): Former Judge James L. Sawyer, Judge William O. Gammill, and Former Judge Marion B. Brunson. She began her lengthy service as clerk under the late Judge J. O. English.

## Council makes appointments, considers budget

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening for a 30 minute session. However during that time they made hospital board appointments, reviewed a proposed 1998-99 city budget, received a recommended ordinance establishing a reserve police force and paid the bills.

Four hospital board members, whose terms are expiring, were reappointed for another term. They are Virgil Coleman, Layton Hickman, Pete Cash and Carolyn Brunson.

Bills totaling \$43,834.26 were approved for payment. Several major items in this total were: \$8,381.02 for vehicle and equipment repairs; \$1,222.60 asphalt mix for street repair; \$3,010.92 for architect services at city hall; \$1,494.44 for chemicals; \$2,884.00 for that all important flood insurance on city hall, police station, fire station and Legion Field press box; \$4,382.33 furniture for police department, library and Senior Citizens building; \$1,628.88 for library books; \$3,194.00 for storm drain pipe; \$1,416.75 Elba's share of the Coffee County EMA office

expenses; and \$866.98 membership dues in the Alabama League of Municipalities.

The budget under consideration by the city council is \$108,333 lower than the budget for the current year. Most of this amount, \$105,000, is a reduction in projected cash carryover. The new budget proposal totals \$2,058,067.00. It will be voted on at a later meeting.

The only capital investments projected for the upcoming year are \$35,000 for a new fire truck and \$25,000 to resurface tennis courts in the recreation department.

A pie chart prepared by City

Clerk Donnie Morrow shows that salaries make up 44.35% of the total budget at \$913,000.00. Retirement insurance is included in "Other Personnel Cost" at \$280,000.00 or 13.6% of the total.

The next largest single expenditure is landfill expenses at 13.18% of the new budget at \$271,500.00. The income pie chart shows that 44.55% of the city's income comes from local taxes. Transfers from the Water & Electric Board total \$363,000.00 or 17.63% of the operating budget.

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## City BOE transfers Mulberry Heights school property to City of Elba

The Elba City School Board meeting last Thursday evening was brief and the business routine. The only break from the routine was approval of a recommendation by Superintendent Charles Pearce that the former Mulberry Heights school property be transferred back to the City of Elba.

The school is no longer using the building and associated five acres of land, since completion of the new

bus shop in the new school complex West of town. This property is joined by another five acres, currently being used by the Elba recreation program as a ball park.

The resolution declared the construction was complete on the new transportation facility; the board declared it no longer needs the property nor facilities; the board voted unanimously to revert the property and building to the City of Elba; and the City of Elba has granted services to the school exceeding \$200,000.

When asked for a timetable for this transfer, Pearce explained the process will take four to six weeks. The resolution signed by the local board will be taken to the state education department in Montgomery, the legal owner of all public school properties. They will check all documentation to insure it meets with state law. This includes assuring the facility is no longer needed for education purposes, the property did originally come from the city; the city continues to give regular financial support to the schools, etc.

Board members approved a change to the Vocational/Technical Education policy. The change was necessary to keep the school system in compliance with rules set forth for receiving federal grants.

Pearce gave an update on the erosion control project underway for the school campus. He said the estimated cost for correcting all erosion problems on the campus is \$251,000. The major part of this work is the steep slope in front of the elementary school. "Bad" soil on this embankment must be removed and "good" dirt put in place, secured and sod established. The work will fund with \$106,900 of grants already in place plus funds from the school's Capital Plan for 1998-99.

The grants include \$26,900 in FEMA disaster funds; \$75,000 in EWP funds and a \$5,000 grant from RC&D.

Another incident was reported on August 17, at a residence on North Claxton Avenue where a person or persons entered a storage room and took approximately \$1,000 worth of meat from a freezer.

On September 8, another residence on Hickman Avenue was broken into and a window fan and clothes dryer were taken. The estimated value of the property taken was \$180.00. These items, along with other stolen property form an unrelated incident, were discovered in a wooded area later in the day near the Hickman Avenue residence.

On September 10, Daniels was arrested and charged with two counts of burglary in the third degree, one count of burglary in the first degree, and violation of probation.

He has been placed in the Coffee County Jail with bonds set totaling \$11,000; however, due to the charge of violation of probation, Daniels will be held without bail pending a revocation hearing.

## Elba PD solves burglaries

The Elba Police Department recently solved several burglaries and thefts, recovering several items of personal property.

Andrew Daniels, 37, of 1225 Martin Luther King Drive, Elba, has been arrested and charged in connection with these crimes.

According to Criminal Investigator Sgt. Johnny R. Senn,

## Area Happenings

**AREA FOOTBALL** Area high school football games scheduled for Friday are as follows: Elba has an open date; Zion Chapel travels to Arton; New Brocton is on the road against Straughn; Kingston travels to Samson; and Brantley plays host to McKenzie. All games, unless otherwise noted, start at 7:30 p.m.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT** The first annual Elba Athletic Club Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, September 19, at the Elba County Club. Tee time is 9:00 a.m. To sign up, call 897-6600 or 897-2122. The cost to enter is \$25.00 per person and prizes will be awarded to the first place team. All entries must be made prior to 9:00 a.m. Saturday. A free hamburger lunch will be served at noon to all participants. All proceeds will go to the Elba Athletic Club.

**BUILDING DEDICATION** The New Brocton Fire Department and New Brocton Rescue Squad will hold a grand opening and dedication of their new fire and rescue building Saturday, September 26, at 2:00 p.m. The new facility is located on Ainsley Street.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL** Plans are now underway for Elba's annual Christmas Festival to be held on the square in downtown Elba. The date is Saturday, November 28, 1998. Watch for additional announcements and information concerning the festival in *The Elba Clipper*.

# OPINION

## BRAINSTORMS

His health has been going downhill for the last several years, but it is still a shock to think of Alabama without the "Little Judge." The death Sunday night of former Governor George Wallace should bring all of us to our knees in prayer. Even those who were considered his political foes have been heard acknowledging his profound impact on Alabama, and even Alabama, politics will be felt for many years to come.

A phone call from George Wallace was not unusual during his politically active days. If your name got into his massive data bank (he was a walking computer of names) you could expect an occasional call. Probably one of the last of these we received was just before he officially announced for his last term as governor. Always the true politician, he wanted to know our opinion of his chances of being elected again. Our answer was a question, "Governor, after what you have gone through, why would you even consider getting back into that rat race and letting them beat on you some more?" His answer prompted us to respond, "Go for it Governor." Of course there is no doubt his mind was already made up and he was just searching for the question that the endless activity of the governor's office helped take his mind off the terrible pain he suffered every minute of his life. It made us ashamed of ourself for asking such a question of the George Wallace, a man of such national stature who bothered to talk to me on the telephone.

Well, most of us have heard more than we wanted to hear about the Bill Clinton/Monica Lewinsky affair. The Starr report has been praised and it has been cursed, but it has been read by millions. There is some weird things in that report. After hearing a lot and pulling down what's on the internet... enough is enough. Our opinion on what should be the next step is still in the forming stages. We have an opinion of course, but haven't figured out all the details yet. When we do, our congressmen will be the first to know and then it will be shared with our readers.

U S Representative Honorable Sonny Callahan, from Mobile AL was chairman of a committee hearing in Washington DC several months ago hearing pleas from some of us Elba folks for federal help in recovering from the March flood. It was a good meeting and the man was genuinely helpful in putting Elba's needs on the top of agenda that day. We were personally impressed at all the powerful people sitting there listening to a couple of state officials, Elba Mayor James Grimes, State Senator Dwight Adams and a country newspaper publisher presenting our real "muddy" plight. Little did any of us know how dull it could have been for Callahan. After all, he had been on the telephone with Bill Clinton one night when Monica was... well Monica was in the president's office! All we did was fly to Washington one morning, present our case almost immediately, say thanks and shake hands with everyone in the room, get back on the airplane and come home to our families. Sorry Mr. Callahan, we will never try to compete with such and frankly hope you are never again subjected to such doings, even in Washington.

Presidential morals... how can Americans guarantee electing people who have high morals. Students of early world history might suggest Plato's magic ring. Plato wrote about a special ring which would make a person invisible. In his quest for truth and honesty this great thinker toyed with the idea that could do anything at all and never, ever get detected. Of course that would not work in this situation because the only person who would know the standards of the particular individual wearing the ring would be the individual, because of the *never get caught* part of the plan. The good person would assure everyone that he or she withstood all the temptations. But then the Bill Clintons would shake their finger in the TV camera and assure us "I never..."

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 7, 1998, investigated the following incidents: one criminal mischief, one menacing, two possessions of marijuana, three DUI's, one carrying a concealed weapon, two burglaries, six thefts of property, one violation of probation, one death investigation, one harassing communication, one uncontrolled child, one harassment, and one unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Arrests made during the week were: two for VPL, two for carrying a concealed weapon, two for possession of marijuana, three for burglary, one for violation of probation, and one for criminal mischief.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving without a driver's license, six for speeding, one for running a red light, four for DUI, one for driver's license not in possession, one for reckless driving, and one for no driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7** - River stage - 3.43 feet (6:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made an emergency transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center (7:45 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Stoumden Street (10:26 a.m.); Prowler reported on Drayton Street (11:06 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8** - River stage - 3.20 feet (6:14 a.m.); Burglary reported on Hickman Avenue (9:48 a.m.); Disturbance

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• **ELBA MINISTRIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall  
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall  
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
• **ELBA CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center  
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st, 3rd, 5th - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office  
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thur. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
• **RESCUE SQUAD** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7 p.m. Rescue Sq. Bldg.  
• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Grand Room @ Elba High School  
• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Sat. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School  
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858  
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House  
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## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

September 8 thru September 14, 1998

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 8, 1998, through September 14, 1998. They were: Fovine Rudd, Colan Marshall, Bernice Capkers, W. M. Marshall, Linda Ayers, Barbara Tompkins, Elizabeth Bryant, L. F. Capps, Jeannell Bryant, Bradley Bowers, Bernice Coleman, Phyllis Watson, Judith Boswell, and Kathleen McCollough.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Ida Mae Price, Bernice Capkers, Mary Ware, Bradley Bowers, Fovine Rudd, William Donaldson, Elizabeth Bryant, and Barbara Tompkins.

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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Let me start by saying I am a native of Elba and I know and respect a lot of people who still live there. I would like to say "Amen" to Mrs. Eunice Smith, president, Eagle Forum of Alabama, but I am writing in response to Pam Grissett's poem in the "Clipper" last week.

There are many U.S. citizens that say, "So what, leave it alone. Mr. Clinton's personal life is his personal life." I beg to differ.

As the United States President, Mr. Clinton's personal life is his personal life and yours. Back in January when Mr. Clinton went before the Grand Jury and lied, he lied to you, me, the rest of the United States and the world. Members of the Democratic Party want to blame Ken Starr for this, but the blame lies with Mr. Clinton.

Democratic Party members are whining about the \$40 million Mr. Starr has spent on the investigation of Mr. Bill Clinton, but they need to get the facts straight. First, if Mr. Clinton had told the truth in January, the American taxpayers would not have had their \$40 million investigation cost driven up by his lies.

I am offended by my many minions who have gone out to slander the reputations of the people subpoenaed by the Grand Jury, many of which are loyal Americans, and Democrats. Second, Janet Reno, Attorney General, appointed independent counsel to investigate Mr. Clinton, and that independent counsel includes Mr. Ken Starr, who is only doing the job he was appointed to do by Mr. Reno, who is only doing the job she was appointed to do by Mr. William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States.

The night he (Mr. Clinton) supposedly confessed, he didn't confess to anything really, he was patronizing us and still not telling the whole truth. You should be outraged that he has lied to you the last six years. Big deal, right? Wrong! We need a president who is moral and truthful. We need a president who does the job he was appointed to do. We need someone in office that the rest of America can have confidence in and know that he can lead our country effectively.

You see, I have two 8-year-old sons that I am very careful about what they see and hear. I realize that I am not totally their only influence anymore, and it is my job as their mother to teach them right from wrong. I have taught my boys that lying is wrong. They know it is wrong, and there are repercussions for lying. That know at their young age that the President of the United States is someone to be respected and trusted.

How can I as a parent teach my children to respect and trust someone who repeatedly lies? Mrs. Grissett, shouldn't we as parents and Americans expect such a big influence on young America to be held to the same standards? I say yes! So do a lot of other American people who think lying is wrong.

As a woman you should be outraged that Mr. Clinton has no respect for women. He doesn't respect his wife and daughter, you or any other women. If he respected women he would not repeatedly break his marriage vows. He would not make advances sexual in nature or have affairs outside the sanctity of his marriage. He would abide by that vow, "forsaking all others."

Here is a list of a few women he has had affairs with: Jennifer Flowers, as governor of Arkansas; Kathleen Wiley, as President; not to forget Monica Lewinsky, and oh, by the way - let us not forget Paula Jones.

As a woman I feel that Mr. Clinton cannot represent me or be an effective leader of my gender due to his blatant disrespect for women, and you should feel the same. It is sad really. We need a president who respects everyone that he represents.

As the most powerful man in the world, leading the most powerful country in the world, Mr. Clinton should have impeccable moral character, and he doesn't.

I will close by saying that I expect, no I demand, that my president tell the truth and respect me and the rest of America as well, or he shouldn't be in office. And the only thing he has done right in the last six years is that he has given us a Republican Congress.

ELIZABETH KOON

Dear Ferrin,

Work has begun on restoring the old Coffee County Jail as a Law Enforcement Museum and offices for the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Plans were made to begin early this year, but were delayed due to the flood in March.

The drive is on again for community involvement in this project. Brick pavers and cornerstones will be used in the walkway and courtyard of the jail and may be purchased for \$35.00 (brick pavers) and \$250 (cornerstones). Suggestions for purchases are: in honor of family and friends; in memory of loved ones; birthday/wedding gifts, other events, announcements, etc.

We are encouraging businesses to consider purchasing cornerstones. These brick pavers and cornerstones will be permanent parts of history and this is an excellent way to show support for progress in Elba and Coffee County, as all proceeds from the sales will be used for restoring the jail.

We are planning a community-wide kickoff day for Saturday, Oct. 3, beginning at 10 a.m. at the old jail site. Tours will be made and sketches will be available showing plans for the restoration, and Chamber members will be available to answer questions, receive suggestions, and assist in purchases of pavers and cornerstones.

We are also planning an auction of the old courthouse windows along with one restored window, ready for that special place in home or office.

We'll have entertainment, and hot dogs and soft drinks at noon (donations accepted).

Interested persons and business owners may call the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 334/897-3125 or me (Barbara Hudson) at 897-6918 for more information.

Forms for participation may be picked up at the Chamber office, or we will mail.

Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,  
BARBARA HUDSON  
Chairman  
Jail Restoration Committee

## AREA DEATHS

JAMES D. FINGER JR.

Mr. James D. Finger Jr., age 75, of Elba, died Sept. 9, 1998, at his residence. He was a resident of Columbus, Ga., for over 32 years.

Funeral services were held Sept. 12, 1998, at the Brantley Full Gospel Temple with Rev. David Mount and Rev. W.C. Bricker officiating. Burial followed in the Antioch Cemetery with Turner Funeral Home of Luverne directing.

Survivors include his wife: Betty H. Finger, Elba; three children: Melissa Pyron, Deborah all of Elba; four brothers: Coy Finger, Knoxville, Tenn.; Harold Finger, Louisville, Tenn.; Charles Finger, all of Maryville, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

IDA MAE PRICE

Mrs. Ida Mae Price, age 89, of Elba, died Sept. 8, 1998, at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Sept. 10, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Zion Chapel Baptist Church, with Rev. Ben Ampong officiating. Burial was in the Zion Chapel Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter: Vivian Kemp, Elba; a son: Ray Price, Elba; seven grandchildren.

## CARDS OF THANKS

The loss of our MOTHER, IDA MAE PRICE, made us realize that life is like a vapor that appears for a while and then vanishes. We will all cherish the beautiful memories of her life.

To all who came to comfort us, called, sent cards, flowers, brought food, and for your prayers, we humbly thank you.

We love you for caring and will never forget you all.

God Bless.

THE FAMILY OF IDA MAE PRICE

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ROY AND ANN GAMBLIN

would like to express their appreciation to their friends in Elba for their kind expressions of sympathy at the death of her mother.

XURIPHADUNAWAY. Also, our appreciation to the staff at Hayes Funeral Home for their care and concern.

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nine great-grandchildren.

LOUIS VICTOR ADCOCK

Mr. Louis Victor Adcock, age 88, of Rt. 2, Elba, died Sept. 11, 1998, at his home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 12, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed in Pine Level Community Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Minnie Lee Adcock, Elba; three sons: James A. Adcock, William A. Adcock, and Larry W. Adcock, all of Elba; a sister: Electra Moore, Houston, Texas; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

MAUDE HATAWAY

Mrs. Maude Hataway, age 73, of Rt. 3, Elba, died Sept. 14, 1998, at her home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 16, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Ben Ampong and Rev. Damon Dodd officiating. Burial was in Mt. Gilad Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Memorials may be made to Wiregrass Hospice.

Survivors include her husband: J.J. Hataway, Elba; two daughters: Donna Hataway Davis, Elba; Penny Hataway Hall, Kingston, Va.; 36 grandchildren, 63 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great-grandchildren.

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Community Care Hospice will hold a Volunteer Training Session Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Student Center of Enterprise State Junior College, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Volunteers will learn about the hospice program and how volunteers touch the lives of others in positive ways.

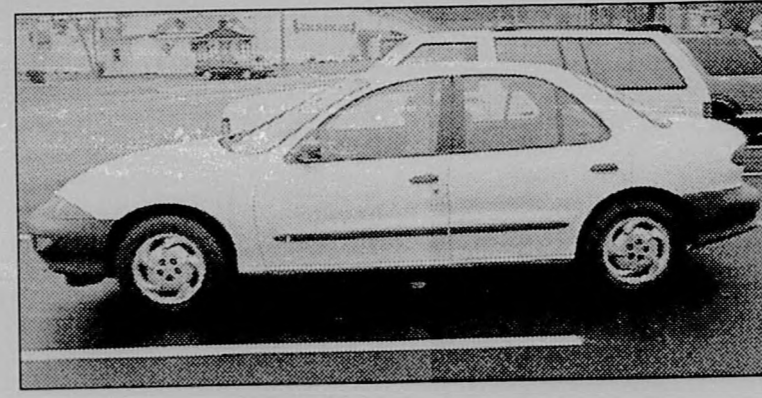
Anyone interested in attending the session or in learning about hospice may call 347-6846 or go by Community Care Hospice at 117 S. Main St., Enterprise.

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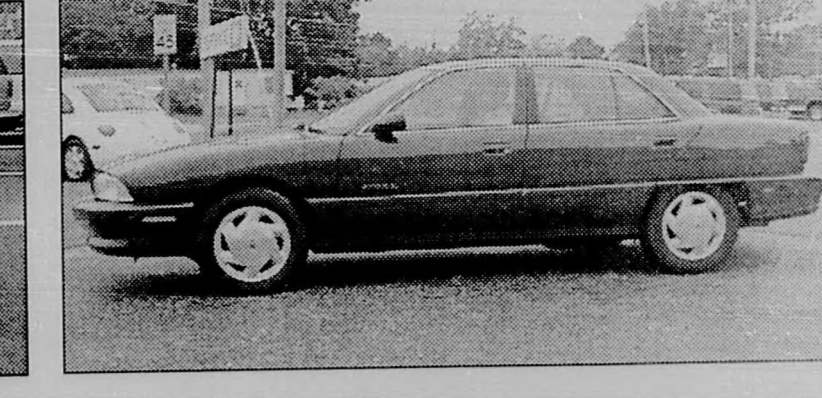
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## Padgett-Stinson united in marriage May 30th

Miss Dana Marie Stinson and Mr. Augha Kyle Padgett were united in marriage Saturday, May 30, 1998, at 4:00 p.m. at the Newbia Baptist Church, Rt. 5, Elba, Ala.

Reverend Danny Maddox, pastor of Whitewater Baptist Church, Elba, officiated the double-ring ceremony. Parents of the couple are Mr. Charlotte Parker and Mr. Danny Stinson and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Padgett, all of Elba.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stinson, and Mrs. Martha Parker and the late Mr. Wesley Parker all of Elba. Step-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Galtimore of Elba. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Lotus Hudson and the late Mr. Lotus Hudson, and Mr. Gordon Capps and the late Mrs. Thelma Capps.

Grandparents of the groom are the late Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Jones, Enterprise, and the late Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Padgett, Elba.

Mrs. Lisa Stinson, aunt of the bride, provided a program of wedding music at the piano. Mrs. Susan Urdiales, Opp, opened the wedding ceremony as she sang "The Lord's Prayer." Mr. Jeff Jones, Enterprise, cousin of the groom, sang "Keeper of the Stars" after the bride's father gave her hand to the groom. Following the lighting of the unity candle, Mrs. Urdiales sang "Unchained Melody."

The walkway of the church was marked with white bamboo torches tied with white bows. The entry doors of the church were marked with clusters of greenery and white bells gathered with white bows. In the foyer the registry table, draped with a white battenburg lace cloth, held the bride's book, a plume pen, and a crystal vase with a single white rose. Another table in the vestry held a basket of wedding programs, designed and prepared by Mrs. Janice Bell, Mrs. Carolyn Maddox, and the groom's mother. An arrangement of magnolias completed the table decoration.

Mrs. Christine Bowden, aunt of the bride's mother, attended the bridal registry.

Pews for the parents and grandparents were marked with a cluster of miniature white wicker bells gathered with white ribbon and tulle.

A large arrangement of white gladioli, cala lilies, white roses, casa blanca lilies, and magnolias with a leather leaf fern resting on a white Roman column in front of a fifteen-branched candelabrum served as the focal point for the exchanging of the vows. Flanking the focal point were two palm trees in brass containers. On the middle level of the platform stood two brass candelabras and two columns holding Boston ferns. Vows were exchanged on the lower level of the platform, which also held two brass candelabras, the unity candle, and ferns. Additional ferns were placed on the floor of the sanctuary.

The windows of the church were accented with an arrangement of magnolias centered with a white taper and a dove.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length gown

of white satin with imported alencon lace. The gown was sleeveless and featured a sweetheart neckline overlaid with alencon appliques which were hand-beaded with pearls and bridal iridescents. Attached to the basque waistline was a fully gathered skirt edged in matching lace and adorned with scattered appliques across the skirt. A cathedral-length detachable train was fastened at the back below the satin and lace waistband. The train was also heavily adorned with pearl appliques.

The bride's fingertip veil of a double layer of silk illusion flowed down to her by Dana's great-grandmother's.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white roses, camellias, white alstroemeria lilies, casa blanca lilies, Queen Anne's lace, stephanotis, and English Ivy. The bride wore her mother's pearl earrings and necklace. She also wore a solid gold heirloom bangle bracelet belonging to her maternal grandmother which had been passed down to her by Dana's great-grandmother's.

Serving as bridal attendants were Miss Jennifer Adams, Troy, maid of honor; Miss Sasha Kidd, stepister of the bride; Miss Wyndy Baker, and Miss Leslie Creel, all of Elba. Misses Cheyenne Nelson and Callie Brown, cousins of the bride, served as flower girls.

The attendants wore floor-length sheath dresses of coral crepe. Matching coral satin outlined the sabrina neckline and the sleeveless openings. The satin trim, which buttoned at the neck in the back, created a halter effect. The only jewelry worn by the girls was a pair of pearl earrings. Shoes of matching color completed the attire.

Each attendant carried cascading bouquets of mixed spring flowers. The flower girls' dresses were white tea-length battenburg lace. They wore no shoes and carried white wicker baskets trimmed with lace and pearls hand-decorated by the bride. The baskets held rose petals from the bride's maternal grandmother's rose garden.

Mr. Jack Padgett, father of the groom, attended his son as best man. Mr. Lee Skinner, Mr. Jeff Jones, cousin of the groom, and Mr. Dustin Stinson, brother of the bride, served as groomsmen. Mr. Neil Gantham and Mr. Shawn Kidd, step-brother of the bride, served as ushers.

Master Forest Brown, cousin of the bride, served as ringbearer. Master Drew Parker, brother of the bride, and Master Ryan Gibbs served as candlelighters. On the middle level of the platform stood two brass candelabras and two columns holding Boston ferns. Vows were exchanged on the lower level of the platform, which also held two brass candelabras, the unity candle, and ferns. Additional ferns were placed on the floor of the sanctuary.

The groom's mother wore a candlelight dress with a quarter-length chiffon overlay designed by Caron of Chicago. The neckline, long sleeves, and overlay were out-

lined with satin. She wore gold and pearl accessories and a corsage of ivory roses tied with gold ribbon. She held the same handkerchief she carried on her wedding day.

Floral designs, bouquets, and corsages were artfully designed by the bride's mother. The church and reception decorations were also arranged by the bride's mother.

Mrs. Henrietta Grimes, a longtime co-worker of the bride's mother, served as wedding director. She was assisted by Miss Lisa Grimes.

**Reception**  
Limousine service transported the wedding party to the Elba Country Club for the reception hosted by the bride's parents.

Guests entered the country club through an entry door marked with a cluster of white bells tied with white ribbon. Boston ferns resting on white fern stands greeted the entry door.

A narrow table featuring a picture of the bride and groom was the focal point of the mirrored entry hall. The table held white baskets holding wedding favor matchbooks and note pads. A gold-framed wedding invitation and two brass candelabra with white tapers completed the table decorations. White fern stands holding Boston ferns flanked the entry table.

The table registry was marked by additional white fern stands holding Boston ferns with white balloon bouquets tied with white ribbon floating from the center of each basket. The registry table was overlaid with a white battenburg lace cloth and held the bride's guest book, greenery, and a brass candlestick with a single white taper.

Mrs. Marsha Oggs served as an honorary hostess at the reception. The bride's table was draped with an elegant white army/navy cloth. Centered on the table was a three-arm crystal candelabra holding white tapers. On one side of the candelabra was a four-tiered cake encircled by smaller cakes. All the cakes were decorated with fresh spring flowers, and the top tier was accented with a miniature bride and groom. On the other side of the candelabra rested a crystal punch bowl encircled with the same greenery and fresh flowers as were on the cake. Other crystal appointments held mints and nuts and completed the bride's table. Miss Carey Kellum, brother of the bride, served as the bride's cake.

The bride's table was situated in front of a five-foot tall mirror and decorated with magnolias and burning white tapers which were reflected in the huge mirror hung above the mantel. Large wicker baskets standing holding arrangements of calla lilies, alstroemeria lilies, gladioli, snapdragons, and stephanotis, baby's breath, leather leaf fern, and bows of tulle flanked the bride's table.

The groom's table was draped with an ecru cloth hand cross-stitched with tulle thread by the groom's late maternal grandmother. The groom's two-tiered round cake rested on a round glass pedestal. An array of fruit lay on gold plates gathered under the glass. The cake was also decorated with fruit and topped with a miniature gold golfer and a pair of miniature gold golf clubs. A variety of fruit, cheeses, and chocolate goodies were served from brass trays.

Two tall brass candlesticks holding ivory pillar candles were in the center of the table. The opposite end of the groom's table held an elegantly decorated pastry treasure chest. The chest rested on folds of gold lame and was filled with gold beads, fruit-designed ribbon, and bunches of white and red grapes. Mrs. Harriette Boyd crafted the treasure chest and decorated the groom's table. Mrs. Elaine Martin, Mrs. Amorette Helms, and Mrs. Harriette Boyd served the groom's cake. The cake knife used to cut the groom's cake was the same one used by the groom's parents on their wedding day.

A champagne fountain was featured in one corner of the club. The fountain rested on a round table draped with a floor-length cloth. Bay leaves encircled the fountain and a pair of champagne glasses for the bride and groom accented the table. Miss Leslie Stinson assisted at the champagne table.

A piano decorated with Boston ferns and white balloon bouquets was in the opposite corner of the champagne fountain. The piano also held white wicker baskets holding birdseed bells wrapped in white tulle and tied with white ribbon. Before the bride and groom departed the birdseed were distributed to the guests by Misses Haley Stinson and Brooke Stinson, cousins of the bride.

Buffet tables were draped with beautiful white battenburg lace cloths. A silver-footed crystal bowl holding a fresh arrangement of alstroemeria lilies, snapdragons,

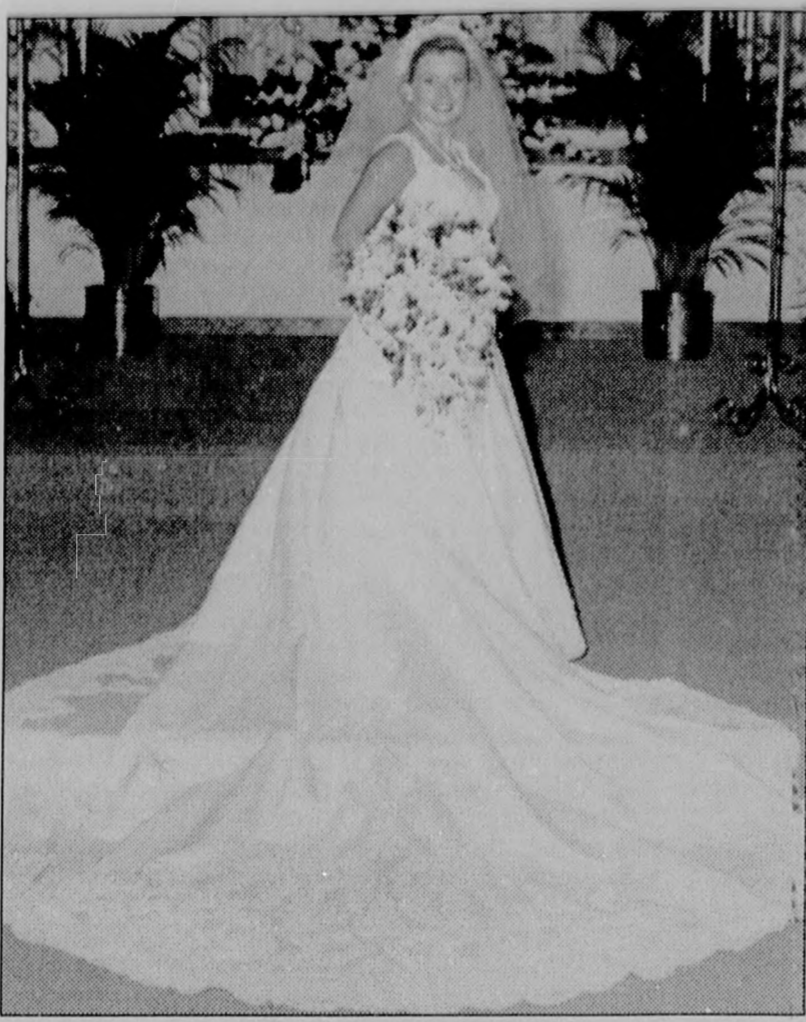
larkspur, mini carnations, poms, monteasino, English ivy, and baby's breath served as a centerpiece. White screens, ferns, and ficus trees formed a backdrop for the buffet tables. Mrs. Diane Canley, Mrs. Rene Lambert, Mrs. Cathy Nelson, and Mrs. Sheila Brown attended the buffet tables.

Foods served from the buffet tables included cheese balls and crackers, ham, veal, and crackers, honey mustard wings, cocktail sausage, chicken salad, pineapple and cream sandwiches, pimento and cheese sandwiches, sand tarts, vegetables and dip, shrimp mold and crackers, Swiss cheese and spinach quiche, Swiss cheese with bacon quiche, and spinach dip and crackers.

A gift table was draped with a white air force cloth belonging to the bride's paternal grandmother. The table held a white hand-painted mailbox tied with white ribbon to receive cards and monetary gifts. A large white grapevine wreath tied with white satin ribbon and cascading white bells and greenery served as the background for the gift table.

The patio of the country club provided a number of guest tables draped in floor-length white cloths and centered with bay leaves and white pillar candles.

After a wedding trip to Gulfingburg, the couple now resides in Elba.



Mrs. Augha Kyle Padgett

and Mrs. Ruth Mack. The hostesses presented the couple with a folding table and a set of matching chairs.

**Bird Seed Party**  
A bird seed party was given for Miss Stinson on May 27 at the home of Mrs. Jim Rhodes in the New Haven Community. The party decor was sunflowers, a favorite flower of the bride. Bridesmaids, mothers of the bride and groom, classmates and cousins of the bride were in attendance. The hostesses presented Dana with a copy of the book entitled "Chicken Soup for the Soul," 5th edition.

**Cookout**  
On Saturday evening, June 6, the couple was honored with a cookout at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McCollough, aunt and uncle of the bride, on Forest Lake Drive, Elba, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Powell, aunt and uncle of the bride, assisted in hosting the party. Kyle and his parents were welcomed into the McCollough family. The hostesses presented the couple with an ice cream freezer.

**Miscellaneous Bridal Shower**  
Miss Stinson was given a miscellaneous shower on Sunday, May 17, at the home of Mrs. Donna Jones in the Stinson Community, on the Brantley Highway. Hosting the occasion with Mrs. Jones were Mrs. Sheila Brown, Mrs. Cathy Nelson, Mrs. Christine Bowden, Mrs. Patricia Bryan, Mrs. Sue Bryan, and Mrs. Sheila Hudson. The hostesses presented Dana with a vacuum cleaner.

**Family Luncheon**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young, aunt and uncle of the groom, hosted a family luncheon in their home on Forest Lake Dr., Elba, on Sunday, June 14. Those attending were the honorees, parents of the groom, Jennifer Allison, and Christopher Brunson, and Gina, Steven, and Hayden Talbot, Belton, Texas. The Young family gave the couple a set of cookware.

**Honey-Do Party**  
Kyle and Dana were honored with a "Honey-Do" Party on Thursday, May 21, at the home of Lynn and Danny Weeks, Rt. 2, Kingston. Hosting the cookout with Lynn and Danny were Marianne and Ernest Marler, Diane and Kenneth Carr, Rene and Gary Lambert, and Julie and Patrick Norris. The hostesses presented the couple with a weedeater.

**Bridesmaids' Luncheon**  
Bridesmaids and other guests were honored with a luncheon on Saturday, May 23, at the home of Mrs. Shannon Carrett, aunt of the bride, on Forest Lake Drive, Elba. Hosting the luncheon with Mrs. Carrett were Mrs. Martha Parker and Mrs. Myra Kelley. The bride presented the each bridesmaid with a silver bracelet with blue onyx and jade stones. Flower girls were presented gold necklaces with floating hearts.

**Fish Fry**  
On Saturday evening, May 23, Kyle and Dana were honored with a fish fry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyce Jones, aunt and uncle of the groom, in the Goodman Community. Immediate members of Kyle's and Dana's family were present. Special guests were Mrs. Lil Herrington and Mrs. Pearl Jones, great aunts of the groom. The occasion was held to welcome Dana and members of her family into the Jones family.

**Miscellaneous Tea**  
On Sunday afternoon, May 24, Miss Stinson was honored with a miscellaneous tea in the fellowship hall of the Newbia Baptist Church. The ladies of the church hosted the tea and presented Dana with a variety of gifts.

**Groomsmen Cookout**  
A hamburger cookout was held on Monday evening, May 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Whitworth on Smith Ave., Elba. Groomsmen, parents of the groom, and other friends of the groom were present. Hosting the cookout with Mr. and Mrs. Whitworth were Mr. and Mrs. James Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bradley,

**Lingerie Shower**  
On Saturday, May 9, Miss Stinson was given a lingerie shower at the home of Mrs. James Galtimore hosted by the bridesmaids and Miss Stinson. The bridesmaids presented Miss Stinson with a variety of gifts.

**Partly Shower**  
On Wednesday, May 13, the couple was honored with a partly shower at Pearl's Deli in downtown Elba. The guests were served a delicious salad plate and dessert. Hosting the party were Mrs. David Stinson and Mrs. Dale Stinson, aunts of the bride.

**Miscellaneous Bridal Shower**  
Miss Stinson was the honoree at a miscellaneous shower in the fellow-

# LIFESTYLES



Pictured (l to r): Barbara Hudson, hostess, Linda Sessions, mother of the future groom; Nicole Bradley - bride-elect; Sam Bradley - mother of honoree.

## Miss Bradley honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

Miss Nicole Bradley, bride-elect of Chad Sessions, was honored with a bridal shower Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13, at the home of Mrs. Barbara Hudson.

Mrs. Hudson greeted guests and presented them to the honoree, Miss Bradley; her mother, Sam Bradley; groom's mother, Linda Sessions; grandmothers of the groom, Betty

Sessions and Sarah Bowden; and grandmother of the bride, Agnes Bradley.

Party dainties were served from beautifully-appointed tables, centered with arrangements of yellow and white daisies.

Gifts were displayed throughout the home for guests to enjoy.

Hostesses for the occasion were

Pam Baker, Pam Bedsole, Suzie Butts, Jeanette Carr, Nancy Crowe, Barbara Davis, Nadine Fuller, Cathy Giles, Shirley Henderson, Barbara Hudson, Carolyn Kelley, Ellen Lowery, Verneette Maddox, Doris Matthews, Marsha Oggs, Sylvia Padgett, Pam Smith, Ceina Spicer, Jewel Tindall, Mary Wallace, and Kave Whitworth.

## Mrs. Etta Griswold is 99

Mrs. Etta Mae Griswold was 99 years old Monday, Sept. 14. She is the oldest member of St. John Baptist Church of Turenum.

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13,

friends and members of St. John's and New Hope Baptist Church - Ann Edgar, Millie Galloway, Estelene Helms, Sue King, Mary Emma King, Betty Lewis, Verma Lott, Pat Maddox and Edna Webber - visited Mrs. Griswold in the Elba Nursing Home and brought cards of birthday wishes from other members. The cards were read to her one by one, and she remembered the sender of each card.

Mrs. Etta Mae was an active member of St. John and taught there over 40 years, stating she has "had personal encounters with God hold them very close to my heart."

Miss Hollinghead, Mr. Jackson

Hollinghead-Jackson to be united in holy matrimony

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hollinghead of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Reddish Shane Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.R. Jackson of Enterprise.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Charles and Agnes Mack, and Gladys Hollinghead and the late Charlie R. Hollinghead, all of Elba.

Miss Hollinghead is a 1994 graduate of Elba High School and a 1998 honor graduate of Troy State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. She is employed in Dothan.

The future groom's grandparents are the late Sam and Barbara Reynolds of Hartford, and the late Dick and Gertrude Jackson of New Brockton.

He is a 1991 graduate of Enterprise High School. He has attended Troy State University and now attends George Wallace Community College where he will graduate in December with an Associate of Science degree. He plans to complete his bachelor's degree in the spring at Troy State University/Dothan, and is employed in Ozark.

The wedding will be an outdoor event of Oct. 17, 1998, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to be held on Co. Rd. 410, south of Elba, with reception following at New Haven Baptist Church.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

**Gospel Singing to be held at Shiloh Baptist Church**

There will be a Gospel Singing at Shiloh Baptist Church on Saturday, Sept. 19, beginning at 7 p.m.

Featured singers will be the Gospel Four of Tifton, Ga. Everyone is invited.

## Miss Bedsole honored with afternoon bridal shower September 13

Miss Amelia Louise Bedsole, bride-elect of Michael L. McCollough, was honored Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13, with a bridal shower at the lovely home of Mrs. Janice McCall on Highland Drive in Elba.

The front door was adorned with a green vine wreath covered with cream-colored wedding bells and burgundy and cream roses. Guests were greeted by Mrs. Janice McCall and invited to register at a beautiful antique registry table. Mrs. McCall presented guests to Mrs. Paula McCollough, mother of the future groom; Miss Bedsole, the honoree; and Mrs. Nancy Bedsole, mother of the bride-elect.

In the dining room the refreshment table, covered in a traditional Army-Navy cloth, held a variety of party dainties. The table was decorated with a crystal vase of mauve and white wildflowers.

Guests were invited into the den where they viewed the many lovely gifts presented to the bride couple.

Hostesses for the occasion were Janice McCall, Faye Goodson, Teresa Kirkland, Edna Morrow, Carolyn Kelley, Kim Lowery, Shirley Henderson, Pam Baker, Lynn Baker, Peggy Stroud, Mary Young, Gloria Harper, Phyllis Adkison, Mary Wallace, Pam Crittenden, Edna English, Judy Norris, Frances Brunson, Cathy Young, Kim Neal, Marsha Oggs, Judy Killingsworth, Henrietta Grimes, Brenda Smith, Kathy Smith, Barbara Hudson and Jeanette Carr.

**Mr. & Mrs. Rushing to be honored on Anniversary**

You're invited to the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Agnes Mack, Saturday, September 19, 1998, three to five in the afternoon at the home of Keith and Regina Rushing, 909 Forest Street, Elba, Alabama. Phone - 897-3783/2313

Food may be brought for Friday night and noon Saturday, and hot dogs will be available for a hot cover express. Reservations are not required, but for more information contact Nell Crews Chambers at 334/898-7604; Jackie Kersey Lee, 334/684-2345; or Johnny Dunn - 334/702-7148.



Pictured (seated) - Miss Bedsole, honoree; (l-r standing) - Paula McCollough, mother of future groom; Nancy Bedsole, mother of bride-elect; Janice McCall, hostess

## All Classes Reunion to be held in Samson

The Samson All Classes Reunion will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9 and 10, at the Samson Community Center, at the end of North Ripley Street.

Activities will begin at 3 p.m. Friday, and conclude at 5 p.m. Saturday. Peanuts will be baked Saturday.

All former students of Samson schools are invited, including students who did not graduate.

Cost will be \$5.00 per person to cover expenses. Reservations are not required, but for more information contact Nell Crews Chambers at 334/898-7604; Jackie Kersey Lee, 334/684-2345; or Johnny Dunn - 334/702-7148.

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## Beta Club Announces Officers



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Charlie Maddox, Michelle McIntosh, Carissa Walker, and Alisha Walker; back row - Morgan Hodge and Tara Grant.

by Michelle McIntosh and Alisha Walker  
Senior Charlie Maddox will lead the activities of the Beta Club during the year as president. Chosen to serve with him were Vice President Michelle McIntosh, Secretary Carissa Walker, Treasurer Alisha Walker, and Historians Morgan Hodge and Tara Grant.  
The officers were announced by new Beta sponsor, Mrs. Lisa Duebel, during the first meeting of the year.  
Another important item of business was taken care of during this first organizational meeting. Community service has always been a major project of the Beta Club and this year is no exception. The Betas decided to continue with their project of helping run the school canteen. Junior high and senior high members will be assigned by the week to assist duty teacher in selling food and drink items in the canteen during both the morning and afternoon breaks. This assistance has helped serve the students faster and more efficiently.

## Coffee County Schools Menu Sept. 21 - 25, 1998

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Popart, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Steak Sandwich or Cornedog, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Fruit, Peanut Butter Bar, Milk
Tuesday - Apple Muffins, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Haggie or Hamburger, Whole Potatoes, Vegetable Sticks, Fruit, Cheese Slice, Lettuce, Dill Slices, Choc. Pudding w/Vanilla Waives, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuits, Sausage Link, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Oven Fried Chicken or Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Butterbeans, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk
Thursday - Honey Bun, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Pepperoni Pizza or Ham Sandwich, Fresh Veggie w/dip, English Peas, Ice Cream Cup, Peach Pie, Milk
Friday - Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Chicken Salad or Hot Dog, Tater Tots, Steamed Broccoli, Dill Spear, Fruit, Crackers, Milk

## County Schools Do Have A Dress Code

Zion Chapel, New Brockton, and Kinston make up the three schools in the Coffee County System. Each of these schools follows the dress code adopted by the Coffee County Board of Education which is printed in the PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE. The PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE is given to every student enrolled in a Coffee County school. Parents are supposed to read this guide, sign, and return three pages (one is printed front and back) from the end of the guide. These pages are perforated for ease in tearing the pages out of the guide. One page deals with the Internet Acceptable Use Policy, one has to do with the administration of medication, another concerns the rules and regulations governing textbooks and library books, and the final page is an acknowledgment that the PARENT/STUDENT

INFORMATION GUIDE has been read. Parents and students both sign this page. However, the PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE has been thoroughly discussed in class during the first week of school.  
The dress code is in the PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE. Why, then, is it so hard for the dress code to be followed?  
The dress code for Coffee County Schools says that a student must dress appropriately for school. Dress and appearance must not present health or safety problems or cause distractions. Shoes must be worn.  
The following is a list of clothing that is considered inappropriate: Flip flops; strapless dresses; halters; mesh clothing; low riders; spaghetti straps; bike pants; picks; combs in hair; bandanas; nose and belly button rings (for safety purposes); tank tops, to include open-side shirts; sunglasses (inside building, except for medical reasons); skin-tight or revealing clothing; caps, hats, or other head covering (inside building); garments advertising alcohol, drugs, or gangs; cut-off shirts (to the extent stomach is revealed); clothing which provokes inflammatory or racial remarks or gang membership; clothing with decals or slogans that contain and/or refer to provocative, indecent, or offensive behavior or profanity.

A student standing erect with arms positioned at sides must be able to touch the fabric of his/her garment with the middle finger. If the fabric cannot be touched, the student is in violation of the dress code because of short length of the garment.  
Exceptions may be made by the principal to any of the above when physical or other circumstances warrant or for certain groups during performances or special activities as authorized by the principal.  
The penalty for violation of the dress code is a Class I violation according to the Coffee County Code of Conduct. However, in the event that a student is sent home to change an article of clothing, the violator will make up missed time away from school in detention.

## Rebel Varsity Cheerleaders Run Concessions At TSU Home Games

by Kendra Ward  
A unique, never-before-tried kind of fund-raising will keep the varsity cheerleaders busy for at least five Saturdays during the next several months. They will be running a concession stand at each of the Troy State home football games.  
Concessions are run by Marriott Foods who will pay 10% of the profit to any group who wishes to

run one of the stands. The varsity cheerleaders, Mrs. Michele Temple, and the parents of the varsity cheerleaders are all involved in the project. Adults have to be with the cheerleaders and each set of parents has agreed to work two games. If you are at a Troy State game be sure to buy your concessions at the stand run by the Zion Chapel cheerleaders.



## What Does Being A High School Senior Mean

by April Grissett  
Here at the beginning of the 1998-99 school year, the last year of the century, it is somewhat appropriate to ask the question, "What does being a senior mean to you?" After all a person would think that after attending school for nearly 13 years (counting kindergarten) this would not be a difficult question to answer. A person would even think that there would be some profound meaning of a new life.  
Blake Weeks said, "It would mean more if I had my bookbag."  
Cristy Houston said, "Special treatment."  
Alisha Walker said, "Seniority!"  
Chan Grantham said, "Nothing, it all starts over—college."  
Ryan Leverette said, "Parties!"  
Bonny Grisham said, "The beginning of a new life."  
Kendra Ward said, "It means the end of a 12 year depression."  
Sherry Scarbrough said, "Not only will my life change drastically, but in such a short period of time I will have to grow up to fit into the real world."  
Cyndi Smith said, "Telling everyone you have grown up with goodbye and starting a new life."  
Carissa Walker said, "A year full of 'lasts'."  
Matt Dunn said, "It means that when it's all over we'll be the people that they can't get rid of."  
Paige Hudson said, "College parties next year, meeting new people and new experiences."

## Girl Basketball Players Attend TSU Camp

by Kendra Ward  
Team camp was held on the campus of Troy State University. Its purpose was to give players a chance to learn basketball skills. Another purpose was to have a chance to put these skills to the test. The test came when a particular game got to play a team that will be met during the regular season. Zion Chapel played Goshen, Pike Liberal Arts, and other teams that came from Florida.  
Kendra Ward, Rebecca Kidd, Mallorie Bedsole, Tara Grant, Morgan Hodge, Jessica Flowers, Megan Legg, Kristie Hall, and Kacy Clark attended the team camp.

## ZC Rebel Gym Gets A Facelift

George Wallace was governor in 1966 when Zion Chapel's gymnasium was built. It has not had a major renovation since that time but it is about to get one!  
New doors for all outside entrances have been ordered. Inside doors between the lobby and the court will be replaced. The mechanism that allows the bleachers to be rolled up has been repaired. Planks have been ordered to replace the broken planks in the bleachers. The walls will be repainted and new art work will be applied.  
It is hoped that all of the work can be finished before the beginning of basketball season.

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## ESJC NEWS

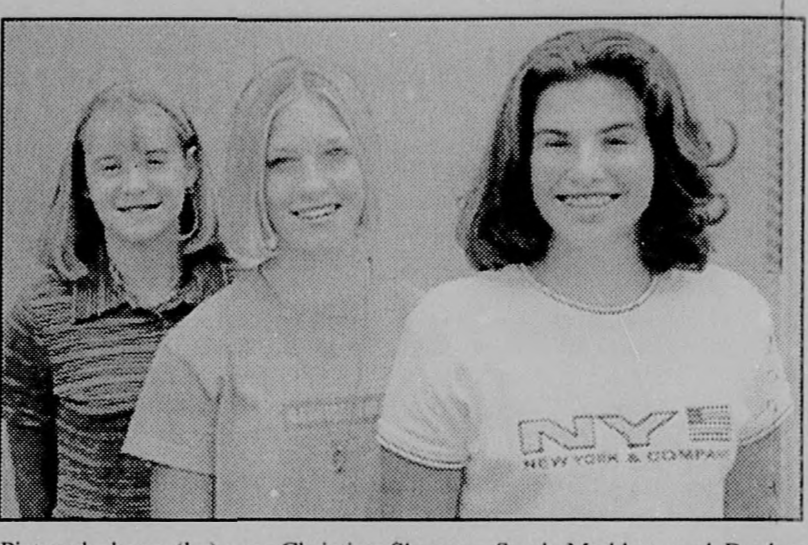
•MICROCOMPUTER COURSE OFFERED  
Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course, *Using the Microcomputer - Level II*, is offered this fall semester. This course is designed for those who have experience with keyboarding. Participants will learn the concepts of computer hardware components and database management and spreadsheets using Microsoft Works software. Successful completion of *Using a Microcomputer - Level I* is recommended but not required. A 3-1/2" diskette is required for the first class. There is a \$30.00 fee for the course, and registration deadline is Sept. 29. Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 6 - 15, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 15 to register.

•BOATING SAFETY COURSE OFFERED  
ESJC will present a *Boating Safety* special interest course this fall semester. It will provide participants with information about boating safety in general as well as legal requirements for boating in Alabama. Information needed to pass the Alabama Certification Test for Boating Safety will also be provided. This test will be given on the last night of class, and passing this test will provide participants with the certification to comply with the Alabama Boating Safety Reform Act of 1944 which goes into full effect on April 28, 1999.  
The class meets 6 - 9 p.m. Oct. 5 - 8, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. There is a \$10.00 fee for the course, and registration deadline is Sept. 28. For more information on these courses call 393-ESJC, Ext. 234.

## South Alabama Electric Co-Op Helps With School Projects

Getting new hardware and rope on a flagpole or cutting down a big tree are projects that require specialized handling and specialized equipment. South Alabama Electric Cooperative was able to supply both specializations.  
The hardware had broken and the rope had come down on both the flagpole in front of the high school building and the flagpole on the football field. The school replaced what was needed and then called South Alabama for help. A crew came with a bucket truck and repaired the flagpoles.  
The next need came when a hollow oak tree that had been left by lightning over the years became dangerous. However, the problem was complicated. The oak tree could not be cut down until a large limb from a nearby sweet gum tree was removed from a third tree. The sweet gum limb was too large to be handled without specialized equipment. South Alabama called in a subcontractor called Asplundh. A crew from Asplundh, a tree-cutting service, completed the necessary work using their equipment.  
In preparation for getting these trees out of the way, Coach Randy Grant, Coach John McCrory, and members of the Agribusiness classes took down the football field fence so that it could not be damaged while removing the trees. These same people put back the fence when the tree was cut. They also cut up the trees and removed them to another location.  
Mr. Douglas Green, a former principal at Zion Chapel High School and a director of the South Alabama Electric Cooperative was instrumental in acquiring the Co-op's assistance at Zion Chapel.

## Students Who Do Double Duty



Pictured above (l-r) are: Christina Shuman, Sarah Maddox, and Daphne Jirnght.

by Cristy Houston  
A small high school does not always have the advantage of having a large enough population to fill every position that is required to carry on extracurricular activities. Sometimes people have to do double-duty. Three instances include the people described in the following paragraphs.  
Daphne Jirnght is a junior and is a first-year varsity cheerleader. She cheers during the four quarters of the ballgame but during halftime she joins the other members of the Rebel Band to perform a halftime show. Daphne plays the saxophone.  
Sarah Maddox and Christina Shuman are two more varsity cheerleaders who do the same thing. Sarah has been a varsity cheerleader for two years and at halftime she plays the bells for the band. Sarah is a sophomore. Christina plays a trumpet during the halftime show. She is a junior and a second-year varsity cheerleader.

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## Classes Elect Officers

by Diana Jackson  
Class elections were held recently at Elba High School. The new high school class officers are listed below.  
The 10th grade officers are: president-Daniel Murdock, vice president-Jerry Dubose, secretary-treasurer-Roshanda McKinnon, reporter-Cammie Kelley. The 11th grade officers are: president-Vaughan Boyd, vice president-Kendra Vaughan, secretary-Stephanie Williams, treasurer-Josh Lawford, reporter-Shanna Tillis. The 12th grade officers are: president-Daniel Murdock, vice president-Elizabeth Stephens, secretary-treasurer-Julie Roberson, reporter-Anna Maddox.

## FHA Chapter Elects Officers

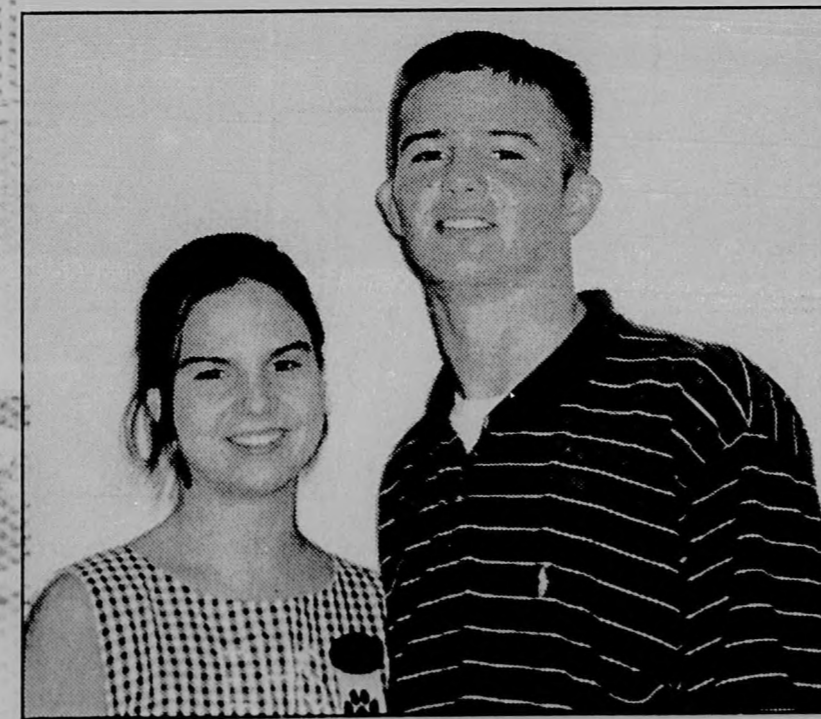


by Cory McKee  
The 1998-99 FHA Officers were introduced at the first meeting of the year on September 2, 1998. They are as follows: president-Ange Crocker, vice president-Jessica Parks, secretary-Kelvin Burks, reporter-historian-Cory McKee, and parliamentarian-Rene Wambles. Those members attending the meeting discussed a theme for the Homecoming wall decoration and parade float. Other business discussed at the meeting was the annual trip to the Alabama State Fair in Montgomery on October 12, 1998. The 1998-99 FHA Officers and members are looking forward to a very exciting year!

## Elba Elementary School Menu Sept. 21 - 25, 1998

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Fish Burger, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Applesauce, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Hamburger Helper, Mixed Vegetables, Roll, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage, Jelly, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, 1/2 Orange, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Sandwich, Cereal, 1/2 Orange, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Pizza, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, Peach Half, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Manager's Choice

## EHS Good Citizens Named



by Lee English  
The class of 1999 seniors at Elba High School have once again selected the Dar and EHS Good Citizens.  
The DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizen is Julie Roberson, the daughter of Bob and Melanie Roberson. Julie will enter an essay in competition with others from Coffee County Schools for a chance to win a scholarship.  
The Elba High School Good Citizen is Daniel Murdock, the son of Mickey and Liz Murdock. This citizenship award was started about ten years ago for outstanding leadership and good character. Both of these students must uphold their titles by continuing to display leadership qualities in the community.

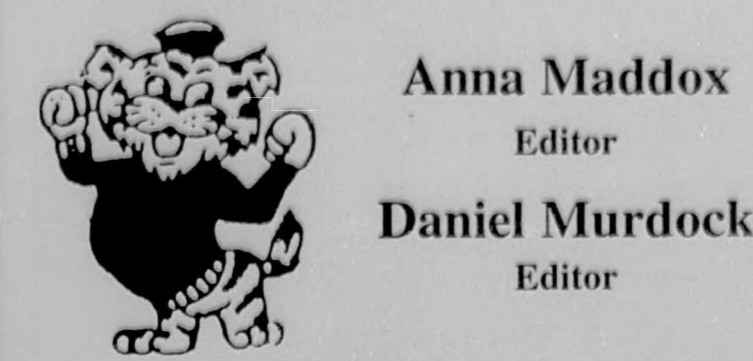
## SENIORS DON'T FORGET

On September 17, 1998, Mr. Rusty Parker with Balfour will be visiting Elba High School to talk to the Senior Class about ordering graduation supplies.  
During this 7:40 a.m. meeting seniors will look at various types of invitations, memory books, and other unique graduation supplies. He will be back on Friday, October 2 to take deposits on orders.

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## Tiger Tales



## TIGER TIMES

by Julie Roberson & Diana Jackson  
Many Elba Clipper readers know what *Tiger Tales* is; however, few people but the students at Elba High are aware of what *Tiger Times* is all about. For the past six years Elba High School's Journalism Staff has worked to publish a student newspaper. This year Mrs. Norris chose Julie Roberson and Diana Jackson to edit *Tiger Times*.  
In past years the newspaper has included gossip columns, horoscopes, dedications, and classified ads. This year the staff has added Cryptograms, poems, and teachers of the month. *Tiger Times* is sold for fifty cents at the first of the month. The proceeds go to a percentage of the cost of the Elba.

## The 1998-99 Elbala WIP

by Casey Henderson  
The 1998-1999 Elbala is in progress and going great. The Journalism Staff is currently selling ads and designing the pages for the yearbook. The photographers are taking many candid and posed photos.  
This year's editors are Lee English and Laura Crowe. The photographers are Phil Schindler, Anna Maddox, and Glenn Davis. In addition to the editors and photographers, the staff includes Deana Gifford, Natasha Bannin, Reese Grantham, Justin Maddox, Lance Boutwell, Casey Henderson, Julie Roberson, Brad Holley, Alisha Culliver, Emily Bryan, Diana Jackson, Monique Ordon, Emilee Benbow and Daniel Murdock. The 1998-1999 Elbala is being sold for \$26.00 and is on sale now.

## VICA Spotlight



by Deana Gifford  
This week's VICA Spotlight focuses on Alisha Culliver. She is an employee at Dorsey Trailers where she serves as a Personnel Aide. Alisha is the daughter of Barbara Waldon and Danny Culliver. She is a senior at Elba High School and is a member of VICA, FBI, and the Elbala Staff. Some of her hobbies include reading, swimming, and going out with friends. After high school, Alisha plans to attend Troy State University majoring in business management.

## Let's Get A Little Bit Rowdy

by Emily Bryan  
This year at Elba High School, School spirit is at an all time high. With our football season kicked off and in full swing, the juniors and seniors have already begun their traditional "war" (All in good fun, of course) and you're not cool unless you show your class spirit by writing on your car window with shoe polish! Not to mention the dynamic pep rallies every Friday afternoon during 4th block in the gym and of course the new trend of decorating the stadium with "Tiger Links".  
How this works is: Students buy links for ten cents from a cheerleader and the grade who gets the most links by Friday gains an extra "Spirit Point". Each Friday, signs of all types are arranged all around the gym by each grade to show our team how proud we are of them. For example the crowd favorite, made by the seniors, proudly stating "Kiss Our Class Goodbye!"  
So, all y'all Elba Tiger Football fans come out every Friday night to support your team. Make your own sign.

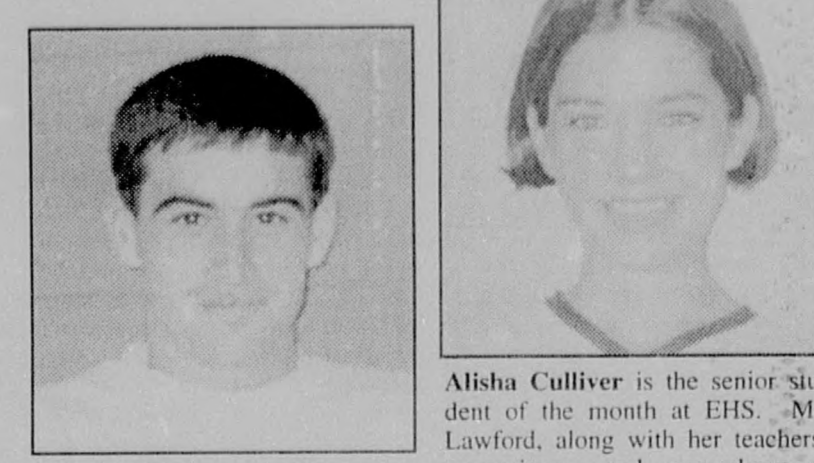
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## Students of the Month



by Monique Ordon  
The 8th grade student of the month is Shawanna Hill. Mrs. Bowers, one of her teachers, says Shawanna always gives 100%. Her attitude is extremely pleasant as well as respectful. She is a very determined student and is always willing to do her best.  
Nominated by Mrs. Rhoades, Jonathan Head is the 9th grade student of the month. He has a great personality as well as a subtle wit. Jonathan is an extremely hard worker and is a good student.



Alisha Culliver is the senior student of the month at EHS. Mr. Lawford, along with her teachers, supervisors, and coworkers at Dorsey Trailers, says that her positive attitude is extremely admirable. She has many noteworthy personal characteristics and is very conscientious about her work.

## Community Urged To Support The Tigers

by Justin Maddox  
The Elba Tigers were welcomed on the opening of this season with a huge crowd, one of the largest numbers present at Elba's stadium since the field was adopted in 1993. The spectators cheered on the Elba Tigers as they played the Brantley Bulldogs Thursday night. The audience's presence at the game demonstrated their support for the Tigers, and showed that they are watching and wishing the best for their hometown team. The people of Elba should be proud to be able to state that the community's interest is still strong, and we all hope that this kind of attendance continues.

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

I know that it has been a long time since I was in the fourth grade, but for the life of me I can't remember having spelling words like Melanie had last week. I sat down with her Thursday night to try and help her get ready for her weekly spelling test, but was shocked to see that one of the first words on the list was archaeological. She actually learned the word pretz, quick, but the other words were almost as tough, and it took over an hour to master the entire list. I felt sorry for Melanie as we worked hard to learn the spelling words, especially since I wouldn't have known how to spell some of the words if I hadn't been holding the list.

## TIGERS CONTINUE VICTORY DROUGHT WITH LOSS TO OPP

The Elba Tigers saw their victory drought continue last week as the Tigers slipped to 0-3 on the season with a 28-6 loss to the Opp Bobcats. The loss to the 5A Bobcats really wasn't unexpected, and the score was closer than many predicted. However, it was still a loss, and more losses are certainly not what the Tigers need as they try to regroup and return to their winning ways of the past. Since Coach Mack Wood retired back after the '94 season the Elba Tigers have posted a record of 13-22. Over the last 25 games the Tigers' record is 6-19, and over the last 14 games the Tigers stand at 2-12. The losses can't be blamed on a lack of desire by the players, or a lack of hard work by the coaches, but the mounting losses certainly have the Elba Tiger fans wondering what has gone wrong, and what can be done to turn things around. There are no easy answers, and while the players and coaches will continue to work hard to win every time they hit the field, even more losses appear to be coming this season, and on down the road. The fans have to support the program in the bad times, just like they did back in the good "ole days. The support might even be more important now than it was when the Tigers were winning state championships!

Back to the loss to Opp...the Tigers had a chance to gain the momentum early after a fumble recovery, but a blocked punt turned the tide and the Bobcats never looked back in claiming the win. Elba's offense was never able to get anything going against the quick and hard-hitting Opp defense, but the Tigers never backed down, and ran the football 41 times. Quarterback Bradley Bowers showed surprising speed and plenty of courage as he ran for 49 yards on 7 carries and scored the Tigers' only touchdown on a 63-yard run, while Keni Mitchell just kept butting heads with the Opp defense and fought for 48 yards on 11 tries. The Elba offense didn't move the chains many times and didn't score many points, but it kept fighting until the very end and showed real pride in playing hard for all four quarters.

The Elba defense was out-manned by the big Bobcat line and backs, but like the offense it never backed down from the challenge and played hard until the final horn. Opp kept fresh backs in the game and had four backs that carried the ball eight times or more, and it was simply a case of Opp having too many weapons on offense for the Tiger defense to contain. Elba has now allowed 101 points in three games, and no matter how you look at it, that is simply way too many points for the Tigers to allow if they have hopes of winning some football games this season.

The Tigers will have an open date this week, and it couldn't have come at a better time for both the players and coaches. The players are beat up physically, and have to be exhausted both mentally and physically after four weeks of pre-season practice and three weeks of very physical action on the field. The coaches also have to be drained emotionally after three straight lopsided losses, because they are dedicated to teaching the players what it takes to win, and still have no wins to show for the hard work. Elba's final five games will certainly not be pushovers; however, the opponents appear to be ones that the Tigers will at least match up with, and maybe the Tigers will be fresh physically and mentally when they return to the field next week down in Geneva County. Let's hope so, for the sake of the players!

## NEW BROCKTON WIN HIGHLIGHTS WEEK #3 ACTION

The third week of the season brought with it a 2-2 record for teams in the area, but one of those wins was New Brockton's 13-6 win over Arton, and it was that win that grabbed the spotlight in looking back at the week that was...

\*\*\*NEW BROCKTON (-2) got that elusive first win with a tough 13-6 victory over the previously undefeated Arton Purple Cats. The Gamecocks were predicted to be one of the top 2A teams in South Alabama prior to the season, and after two tough losses it would have been easy for them to be flat against the unbeaten Cats. That wasn't the case, as the Gamecocks took the fight to their opponent throughout the game and proved that they could win without scoring a bunch of points. New Brockton is still not where it wants to be, but they could be on the way.

\*\*\*BRANTLEY (3-0) got a scare from the winless Goshen Eagles before scoring late to hold on and claim a 34-21 win. The Bulldogs jumped ahead early and appeared to be headed for a big win, but saw Goshen refuse to quit and battle until the end. Brantley has been getting a lot of ink from the papers early in the season and a lot of pats on the backs from its fans, but last week's game in Goshen may be exactly what the Bulldogs needed with some very tough games ahead. Maybe now the Bulldogs will realize that all games last four quarters for a reason.

\*\*\*ZION CHAPEL (0-3) never really got anything going in a 35-0 loss to G.W. Long. The Rebels never backed down and played hard until the very end, but were obviously out-matched by their hosts over in Skipperville, and the outcome was not unexpected. The Rebels, their coaches, and their fans knew coming into the season that it might take a while for this year's team to get the actual game experience needed to win many games, and while the Rebels are winless, they have improved, and are headed in the right direction. It just may take a while to get there.

\*\*\*KINSTON (0-3) took it on the chin for the third straight week and have now been outscored 118-12 in three games. Not exactly the start the Bulldogs were hoping for! While it is true the Bulldogs have been blown out three straight weeks, Kinston isn't nearly as bad as most people think. The Bulldogs play with as much heart as any team around, and never back down no matter the challenge, or the score. It may look bad down in Kinston after three weeks, but the Dogs are a long way from dead, and will still bite some folks before the long season winds down.

## NOTHING TAKEN FOR GRANTED AS PREP SEASON ROLLS ON

The high school football season has now sailed past week #3, and last week was just another in a long list of weeks in which no wins could be taken for granted. Here's a quick look around....

\*\*\*Andalusia saw its one-game winning streak come to an end as Ashford blanked the Bulldogs 10-0. The 5A Bulldogs were thought to be improving after their big win over Monroe County, but took a step backward against the 4A Yellow Jackets.

\*\*\*UMS-Wright opened its season with a bang, and then lost a 17-14 decision to 4A power T.R. Miller in week #2, but the team that was supposed to be a power in the 3A ranks got shelved 33-0 last week by Briarwood. It will be interesting to see how the Bulldogs respond.

\*\*\*Carroll, of Ozark, went to 3-0 on the season with an exciting 22-20 win over Dale County, and it looks like the Eagles like the feel of being a 5A contender. The Eagles and Warriors are close to each other and this should be a really good rivalry for many years to come.

\*\*\*Geneva finally broke loose and spanked Slocomb 54-6, in a Geneva County grudge match. The Panthers got off to a slow start this season and had many wondering what was wrong, but after last week's big win it looks like the Panthers are off and running.

\*\*\*Luverne got pushed into overtime before getting past Pike County 6-0. The Tigers apparently ran into a team with as much speed as themselves, and had to fight until the end to down the Bulldogs. Luverne is 3-0, but not

as good as many might think.

\*\*\*Enterprise got a big road win over Prattville and may have a 6A contender after all. The Wildcats have already shown that they can win on the road, and that will be big as the season rolls along. The Cats may be an area title contender.

## ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY...

\*\*\*I know Alabama whipped up on Vandy 32-7, but I just was not that impressed with the Tide's performance, especially on offense. In the second half the Tide missed wide open receivers on many occasions, and the wide-open style of play was anything but a quick score attack. There is no doubt Alabama's offense is much improved over a year ago, and will get better as it goes, but until the system takes hold the Tide offense will remain hit and miss.

\*\*\*Auburn put an end to all the 0-6 talk with a big win over Ole Miss. The fact the Rebels were very much over-rated had something to do with the predictions of doom for the Tigers, because as bad as the offense looked against Virginia, it did have its moments. The Tigers will get better and better as the season rolls along, and while their record might look bad at times, the Tigers are still a solid SEC team.

\*\*\*I watched Mark McGwire hit his 62nd home run last week and was excited that it happened, but after watching and listening to all the sports shows, now hope that Sammy Sosa catches him and maybe sets a new record. It is nothing against McGwire, it is just that Sosa seems to be as big a fan as he is a player.

\*\*\*The Arizona Cardinals got wiped out by Dallas in its season opener, but it was not because of the efforts of Elba's Ron McKinnon, McKinnon, the Cardinals' starting linebacker, had 9 tackles, 1 assist, 1 fumble recovery and 1 pass interception in the loss. Not a bad season for many in the NFL.

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PLODS ALONG WITH PREP PICKS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator was bragging a little when he stopped by the office over the weekend, and made certain that everyone knew that he hit on 8 of 22 picks last week, and correctly predicted such toss-ups as New Brockton over Arton, Jess Lanier over Dothan, Enterprise over Prattville, Carroll over Dale County and T.R. Miller over Daleville. For the year the local guesstest stands at 63-24, which really ain't all that bad. Here are this week's picks....

## BRANTLEY VS. MCKENZIE

The Bulldogs got a scare last week in their win over Goshen, and should be wide awake for this week's important area match-up against the Tigers. It could be close for a while, but Brantley should paint McKenzie green with

BRANTLEY 37 MCKENZIE 6

## Next game is Sept. 25 at Hartford

## Coach Sikes calls open date "a blessing"

The Elba Tigers will finally get a few days off this week as they try to recover both physically and mentally from their 0-3 start and three very physical losses to three of the top teams in the state in their respective classes.

The Tigers will have an open date in week #4 after being outscored 101-30 in the opening three weeks by three teams that have a combined record of 8-1.

"Back when Florala decided not to play us we hunted a team to take their place on the schedule," said Elba's Coach David Sikes. "We just couldn't find an opponent nearby for the fourth week of the season, and were disappointed. Now, the open date is definitely a blessing."

## Elba Junior Tigers improve to 2-0 with 8-6 win over New Brockton

The Elba Junior High Tigers moved their record to 2-0 last week with an exciting 8-6 win over the New Brockton Junior Gamecocks, in New Brockton.

New Brockton failed to move the chains on its first possession of the night, but got the ball right back on a fumble recovery by Jeremy Meeks at the Elba 44-yardline, and this time marched in to grab an early lead.

The touchdown came on a 41-yard sprint by the Gamecocks' Jeremy Meeks, and while the two-point conversion failed, New Brockton was on top 6-0 with 4:04 still left in the opening stanza.

The Tigers' offense moved downfield on its next series, and behind the running of Quinton Moultry and Michael Sams moved to a first down at the New Brockton 46-yardline. The scoring threat bogged down, however, and the Tigers turned the ball over on downs when a fourth down pass failed to find its target.

Elba threatened again late in the first half and moved to a first down at the New Brockton 41-yardline behind the passing of Brandon Petty to Dougie Kyles, only to come away empty-handed when a Tiger toss was intercepted by the Gamecocks' Ryan Kinsaul with 3:36 left in the half.

Elba was on offense to begin the second half and brought its fight to their feet as the Tigers marched 70 yards in only five plays to take the lead!

A 34-yard run by Cherrelle

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## KINSTON VS. SAMSON

The Bulldogs and Tigers are both 0-3 heading into their annual grudge match, and while their records are the same, the level of talent may not be quite so equal. The Dogs have a chance, but the Tigers may be a little hungrier.

SAMSON 22 KINSTON 0

## NEW BROCKTON VS. STRAUGHN

The Gamecocks got that elusive first win last week and will be flying high when they land in Straughn for a key area clash. The Gamecocks will have to play good defense to stop the big Tiger running backs, and will have to put some points on the scoreboard. The guess here is that they will do just that.

NEW BROCKTON 27 STRAUGHN 14

## ZION CHAPEL AT ARITON

The Rebels will be looking for win #1 Friday night when they head over to Arton to battle the arch-rival Purple Cats. The Rebels have shown improvement in all areas in their opening games and are fast becoming a pretty good 1A club. However, this week Arton will have something to prove after losing last week for the first time this season.

ARITON 34 ZION CHAPEL 8

## OTHER PICKS:

Florala 27 Georgiana 16  
G.W. Long 28 Houston Academy 0

Geneva County 20 Goshen 18

Abbeville 34 Houston County 6

Wicksburg 20 Headland 19

Slocomb 40 Clayton 0

Opp 17 Laverne 15

Daleville 20 Ashford 10

Dale County 21 Rehobeth 6

T.R. Miller 21 Jackson 8

Greenville 20 Pike County 0

Andalusia 14 Hillcrest 12

Early County 24 Carroll 14

Wetumpka 27 Elmore County 0

Central 28 Carver 3

Central, PC 17 Northview 10

Dothan 10 Prattville 3

R.E. Lee 16 Opelika 14

Murphy 21 Jeff Davis 10

## SPORTS



Elba Marching Tiger dance line member Valiece Moore helped wow the crowd at the Tigers' opening three football games this season.



Elba Marching Tiger drum line members help keep the crowd in time with the music during halftime activities at Elba Tiger football games.



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Elba defensive coordinator Boyd English talks with Tigers during a break in the action. The Tigers fell to 0-3 on the season last week with a 28-6 loss to the Opp Bobcats. Tigers in the huddle include Lance Boutwell (34), Derek Coleman (31), O'Shay Hammonds (54), Keni Mitchell (4) and Eric Jordan (9).

## Tigers fall to 0-3 on season

## Tigers bopped by Opp 28-6

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered Friday night as they fell to the Opp Bobcats 28-6, in Elba's Tiger Stadium.

The loss left Elba with an 0-3 slate for the season, while Opp improved to 2-1 with its second straight win.

The Tigers moved the chains only once on their initial possession of the night, but got the ball right back when Kevin Dodd recovered a Bobcat fumble at the Elba 26-yardline.

The Tigers' good luck quickly turned bad, however, as on Elba's second punt attempt the punt was blocked, and the Bobcats regained possession at the Elba 37-yardline.

It took the Bobcats only two plays to cover the distance into the endzone, with the score coming on a 23-yard pass from Adrian Horstead to Willie Wilkerson. Derek Dillard booted the extra-point, and with 3:16 left in the first quarter Opp was on top to stay at 7-0.

Elba punted the ball back to Opp after failing to move the chains on their ensuing possession, and this time the Bobcats marched 66 yards in seven plays to get back in the endzone. Brandy Brannon gained 41 yards on five carries to spark the Bobcat scoring march, and it was Brannon that got the touchdown on a 4-yard dash. Dillard added the extra-point, as the Bobcats moved their lead to 14-0 with 10:20 remaining in the second stanza.

A pass interception put the Bobcats right back in scoring position at the Elba 17-yardline, and Opp moved to a first down at the Elba 13 after a pass interference penalty. The Elba defense was determined to keep the Bobcats out of the endzone, and did just that as on fourth down the Tigers Tony Burks made a touchdown-saving tackle on Opp's Willie Wilkerson at the Elba 7-yardline!

The two rivals swapped punts for the remainder of the half, and at intermission the Tigers left the field trailing 14-0.

Opp appeared to blow the game open on the second half kickoff as the Bobcats' Cameo Stoudemire broke loose and raced toward the Tiger endzone, only to mistake the five-yardline for the goal line, and see the potential touchdown nullified when he dropped the football short of the goal line and the pigskin rolled into, and out of the Elba endzone for a touchback.

Opp saw another apparent score wiped off the scoreboard when an interception return for a score by Adam Elmore was nullified by a clipping penalty. However, this time the penalty only delayed the Bobcat touchdown, as Opp upped its lead on a 4-yard scoring run by Linaires Justice. Dillard booted the extra-

point, and with 9:13 left in what was already a wild third quarter, Opp was in command with a 21-0 advantage.

Opp missed a scoring opportunity on its next offensive series when a 32-yard field-goal try by Derek Dillard hit the cross bar and bounced backwards, and the missed scoring chance seemed to pump new life into the Elba offense, as the Tigers marched 80 yards in only five plays after the missed field-goal to get on the scoreboard!

The score came on a 63-yard dash down the sidelines by quarterback Bradley Bowers, and while the two-point try failed, the Tigers were still alive, trailing 21-6 with one quarter left to play.

The Bobcats quickly dashed any Elba hopes of a comeback, however, as Opp recovered an on-side kick attempt by the Tigers at the Elba 41-yardline and quickly moved in for a score.

Cameo Stoudemire gained 20 yards on two carries to spark the drive, while the touchdown came when Adrian Horstead tossed a 20-yard scoring strike to Willie Wilkerson. Dillard made it 4 for 4 with the extra-point, and the Bobcats were back in charge with a 28-6 lead with 10:17 left in the game.

The Tigers marched to a first down at the Opp 31-yardline on its next possession behind the running of Eric Jordan and Derek Coleman, but bogged down and saw the scoring opportunity go by the board when a fourth down pass failed to hit its target.

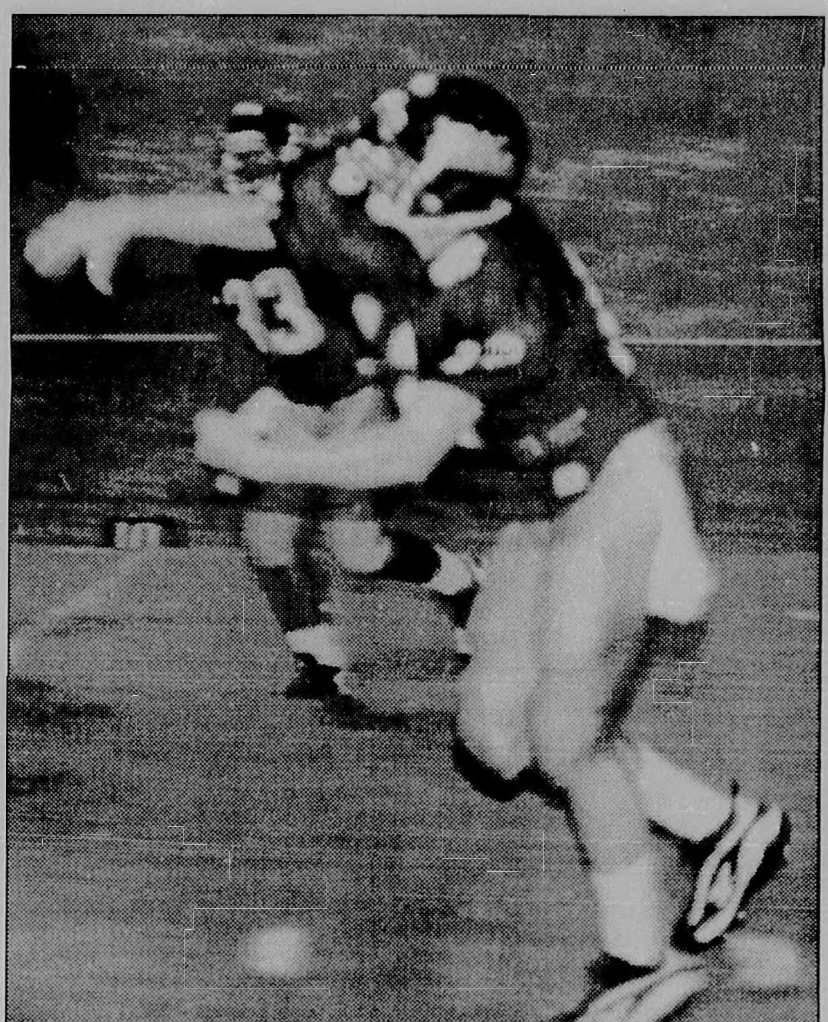
Neither team threatened again in the closing minutes of the contest, and at the final horn the Tigers had suffered their third loss of the season, this time to the Opp Bobcats by the score of 28-6.

Bradley Bowers gained 49 yards on 7 carries and completed 3 passes for 23 yards to spark the Elba offense, while Keni Mitchell rushed for 48 yards on 11 carries. Opp was led on the ground by Cameo Stoudemire with 64 yards on 10 carries, while Brandy Brannon added 62 yards on 11 carries and 5 carries. Willie Wilkerson caught 3 passes for 59 yards and two touchdowns.

The Elba defense was led by O'Shay Hammonds with 7 tackles and 1 assist, while Keni Mitchell made 7 stops and Derrick Duncan had 5 tackles.

## STATISTICS

EL	OPP
9	1st Downs
41-13	38-223
23	Passing Yds.
136	Total Offense
3-9-2	Passes
2/1	Fumbles/Lost
5-29	Punts-Ave.
10-75	Penalties-Yds.
12-120	



Elba Tiger quarterback Bradley Bowers (12) fires a pass downfield. Bowers scored the Tigers' only touchdown Friday night with a 63-yard scamper against the Opp Bobcats.

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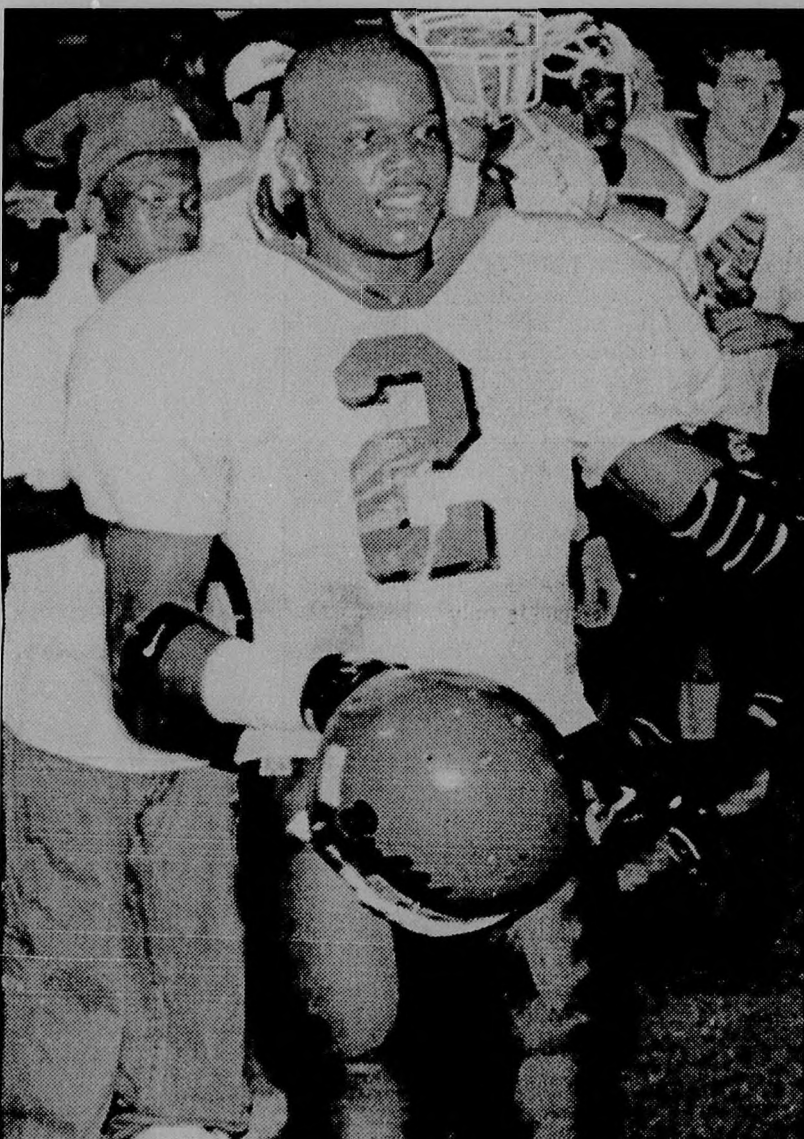
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## SPORTS



The New Brockton Gamecocks walked onto the field Friday night, but soon after breaking through the victory banner were flying high as they defeated the Arlton Purple Cats 13-6 for their first win of the season. This week the Gamecocks will travel to Straughn in a key area encounter. Kickoff in Straughn is set for 7:30 PM.

## ‘Dogs rip Eagles 34-21



Brantley's Bo Daniels (2) ran for over 200 yards Friday night as the Bulldogs defeated Goshen to improve to 3-0 on the season. Up this week is an area game at home against McKenzie.



Brantley Bulldog cheerleaders enjoy another Bulldog win with a victory dance on the sidelines.

By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Goshen Friday night and claimed their third win of the season by outscoring the Eagles 34-21.

Bo Daniels got the Bulldogs off to a fast start as he cracked in from five yards out for the first touchdown of the night. Gregory Daniels added the extra-point and with 5:52 left in the first quarter Brantley was on its way with a 7-0 lead.

Goshen was down, but determined to get its first win of the season at the expense of the Bulldogs, and answered the Brantley score with a touchdown of its own as Tony Merritt pulled in a touchdown toss to put the Eagles on the scoreboard. The extra-point try failed, but with 1:18 left in the opening stanza the Bulldogs' lead had been cut to 7-6.

Brantley was unimpressed with the Eagle score, however, and bounced right back and stretched its lead when Bo Daniels broke loose and raced 88 yards for a Bulldog touchdown. Gregory Daniels added the p.a.t. and with :20 remaining in the explosive first quarter the Bulldogs were on top 14-6.

Darrell Owens got the next Bulldog touchdown on a beautiful 36-yard dash early in the second quarter, and Gregory Daniels again booted the extra-point, as Brantley began to take command by moving on top 21-6 with 10:37 left in the half.

Brantley continued to dominate action on both sides of the football throughout the middle of the second stanza, and added to its lead with 5:50 left in the quarter when Andy Johnson lofted a 35-yard scoring toss to Demario Wiley. The extra-point try failed, but the Bulldogs were on top 27-6 and appeared to be in complete control. Goshen refused to throw in the towel to their talented neighbors, however, and before the half cut into the Bulldog lead when Tony Merritt crossed the goal line for the second time in the half. The two-point try was successful, and with :53 remaining until halftime Brantley's lead was cut to 27-14.

The Eagles continued their comeback bid in the third quarter and once again reached the endzone, this time when Marcus Scott broke through to block a Bulldog punt and then recovered the block for a touchdown. The conversion was true, and with 6:27 left in the third quarter the Eagles were right back in the hunt as they had chopped the Brantley advantage to 27-21.

The Bulldog offense stumbled in the fourth quarter and lost fumbles with 3:44 left, and again with 1:05 left on the clock. However, the Brantley defense refused to let the Eagles get their offense off the ground, and put the game away with :26 remaining when Zach Burnett intercepted a Goshen pass and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown. Gregory Daniels added the extra-point, and the Bulldogs had the win 34-21 over the Eagles.

## New Brockton upsets previously undefeated Arlton Purple Cats 13-6 for first win of '98 season

By Josh Lewis, Sportswriter

The New Brockton Gamecocks put an end to their short victory drought Friday night as they upset the Arlton Purple Cats 13-7, in New Brockton.

The win improved the Gamecocks' record to 1-2, while the Purple Cats slipped to 2-1 with the loss.

The Gamecocks opened the game with a bang as Jason McKenzie returned the opening kickoff to the 50-yardline; however, New Brockton failed to move the chains on their initial possession and was forced to punt. The punt by Robbie Kinsaul was downed on the Arlton 1-yardline as the 'Cats were pinned back deep, and although a roughing the kicker penalty gave Arlton a first down, the Gamecock defense got the ball right back when Andrea Flowers intercepted an Arlton aerial.

The Gamecocks failed to take advantage of the turnover as they were unable to budge the rugged Purple Cat defense, but got the ball back on an Arlton punt late in the opening stanza, and this time finally began to show signs of life on the offensive side of the football.

New Brockton began its first scoring march of the game at its own 33-yardline, and the long scoring drive was capped off when Lee Flowers raced into the endzone from six yards out. Kinsaul added the extra-point, and with 11:27 left in the second quarter the Gamecocks were on top 7-0.

New Brockton threatened again midway through the third quarter, but a rash of penalties bumped Brockton back across midfield, and the scoring opportunity went by the board.

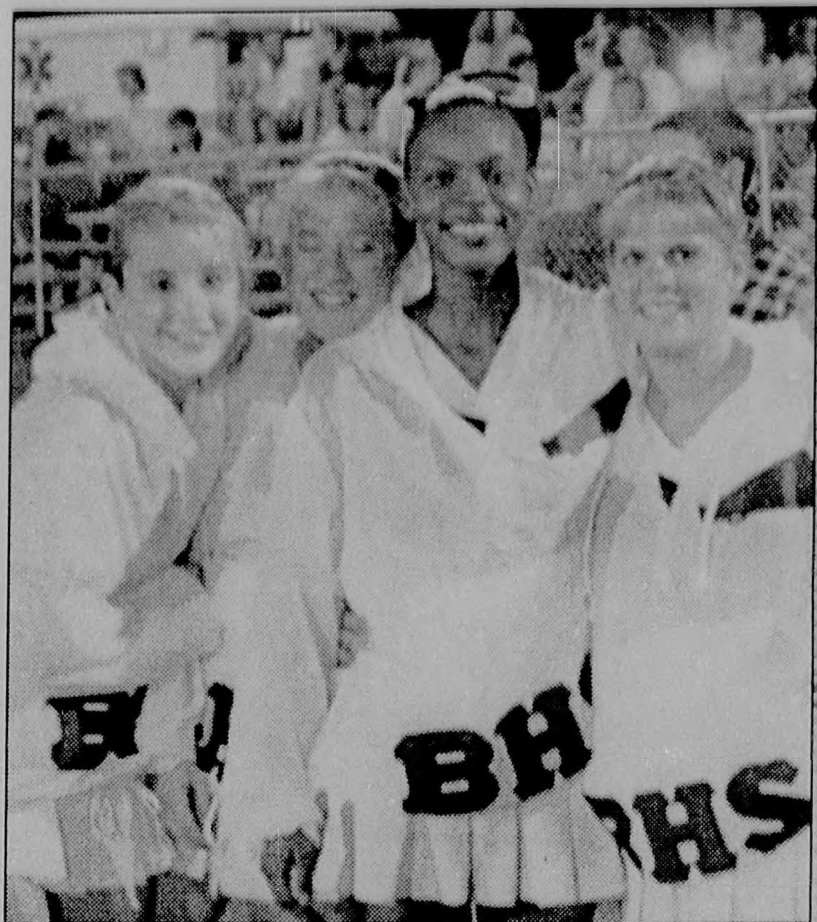
The Purple Cat offense failed to get anything going throughout the third quarter, but got a break early in the final stanza when Arlton recovered a fumble on the Gamecock end of the field that seemed to pump life into the 'Cats. Arlton drove the ball to the New Brockton 2-yardline, and got on the scoreboard when a Purple Cat runner dove over the Gamecock defense. The football came loose on the scoring play and was originally ruled a touchdown as it rolled out of the endzone; however, after a discussion Arlton was awarded a touchdown. Lee Flowers broke through to block the extra-point try, but the Gamecocks' lead was down to 7-6 with plenty of time still left in the fourth quarter.

The Gamecocks needed to keep the clock running, and possibly add to their lead on the ensuing possession, and did just that as New Brockton drove down the field for its second score of the game. A key play in the march came when Kellen Cole kept on a naked bootleg and scampered 41 yards to the Arlton 18-yardline, while the score came on fourth down when Cole again called his own number and dove over the top for the touchdown. The extra-point try failed; however, with only :30 left on the clock New Brockton had upped its lead to 13-6.

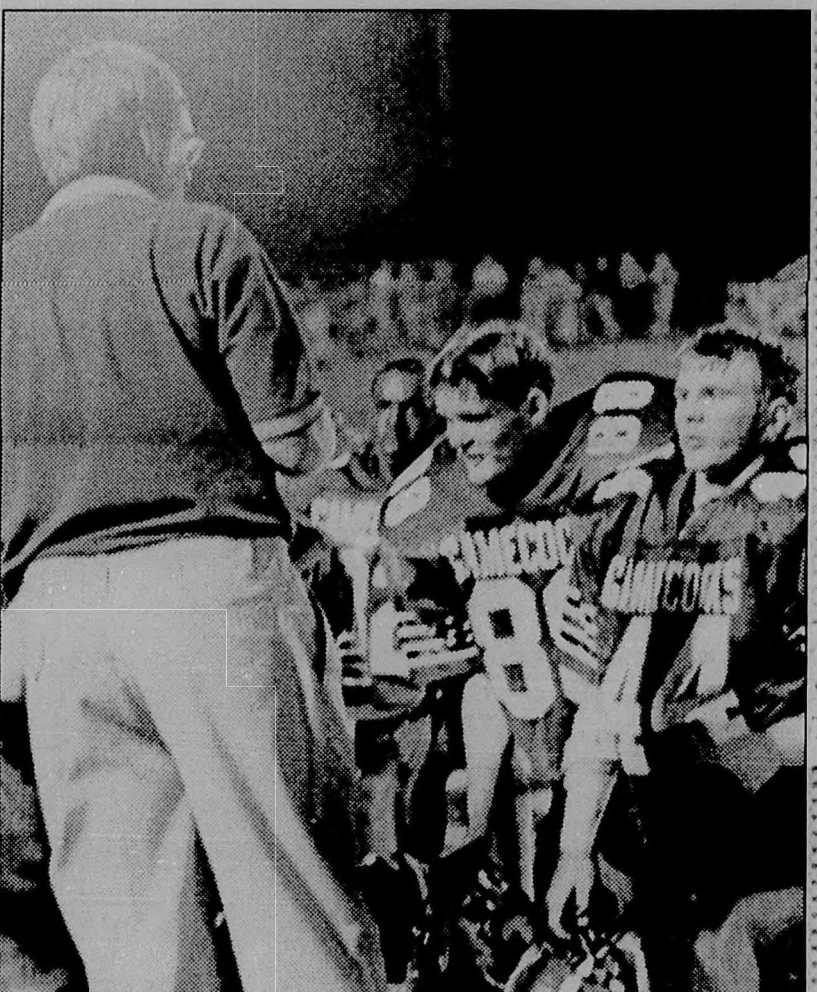
The Gamecocks' Jason McKenzie picked off a last-second desperation pass by the Purple Cats, and at the final horn New Brockton had the win 13-7.



Even the Gamecock had its game face on Friday night for the Arlton Purple Cats.



New Brockton Gamecock cheerleaders were all smiles as the Gamecocks took care of business in defeating the Arlton Purple Cats 13-6 Friday night.



New Brockton's Coach Keith Thrasher talks with Gamecocks during a break in the action. The Gamecocks will try to go 1-0 in the area Friday night when they travel to Straughn to tangle with the Straughn Tigers.

## Elba youth football teams open with wins over Red Level, to host Pleasant Home Saturday at Miller Memorial Stadium

The Elba youth football teams will stay at home this weekend when they host Pleasant Home in Tri-County Football League action.

All three Elba teams opened the season with big wins last week over Red Level, and this week the teams

will find a challenge ahead against the Eagles.

The Midget Tigers begin at 5:30, followed by the Termite Tigers at 6:30 and the Pee Wee Tigers at 7:30. All games will be played at Miller Memorial Stadium.

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## SPORTS

## Zion Chapel Rebels blanked By G.W. Long Rebels 35-0



Zion Chapel quarterback Luke Taylor fights for yardage in the Rebels 35-0 loss Friday night to G.W. Long. This week the Rebels will battle the Arlton Purple Cats.



No one left their seats Friday night at the half when the Zion Chapel Rebel band took the field for another outstanding performance.



A Rebel runner finds room to roam against the G.W. Long defense last week. Zion Chapel will travel to Arlton this week to battle the highly-touted Purple Cats.



FORGET THE SCORE! The Rebels are #1 in '98!

By Keyln Williams, Sportswriter

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their 1998 victory drought reach three games Friday night as they traveled to Skipperville and were blanked by the G.W. Long Rebels 35-0.

The loss left Zion Chapel with an 0-3 record for the young season, while G.W. Long improved to 3-0 with the win.

Zion Chapel failed to move the chains on its first series of the night, but G.W. Long was ready to put points on the scoreboard on its initial possession, and did just that as the hometown Rebels scored on a short run by Moses Coleman. The extra-point was true, and with 8:40 left in the opening stanza G.W. Long was on top 7-0.

Zion Chapel got a first down on an 8-yard run by Timothy Johnson on its next series; however, a quarterback sack slowed the short march, and G.W. Long regained possession after a Rebel punt.

G.W. Long was again ready to reach the endzone, and added to its lead when Moses Coleman bulled over from 7-yards out for his second score of the game. The extra-point was again successful, and with 2:04 remaining in the first quarter G.W. Long was in charge with a 14-0 advantage.

The Zion Chapel offense began to show signs of life on its ensuing series and behind the running of Josh Grantham and the passing of Marcus Taylor headed across midfield. A fourth down pass failed to find its target, however, and the scoring chance went by the board.

Zion Chapel's offense again moved the chains on its next possession as Levon Wheeler broke loose for a big gain, and Charlie Maddox pulled in a Taylor pass for a 10-yard gain. The Rebels moved to a fourth down and two, but failed to convert, and turned the ball over on downs.

A fumble recovery by Zion Chapel's Wes Bragg put the Rebels right back in business, but the offense couldn't take advantage of the turnover, and once again failed to convert on a fourth down gamble with :18 left in the half.

G.W. Long was short on time, but long on confidence, and stunned Zion Chapel on the very next play from scrimmage as Lorenzo Williams pulled in a pass and raced 64 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point was true, and with :09 left in the half G.W. Long had put a dagger in the hearts of the Rebels by taking a 21-0 lead.

The second half started off just like the opening half had ended, as on the kickoff Lorenzo Williams fielded the kick at the G.W. Long 19-yardline and raced 81 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point was again successful, and with two scores in a 29-second span G.W. Long had taken total command by moving on top 28-0.

G.W. Long got the ball back on a Rebel punt and once again headed to paydirt. A 15-yard penalty against Zion Chapel aided the long scoring march, which was capped off by a touchdown scamper by Moses Coleman. The extra-point try split the middle, and with 6:13 left in the third quarter it was all over but the shouting as Long owned a 35-0 advantage.

Josh Grantham and Levon Wheeler both had big runs for Zion Chapel in the final stanza, but the Rebels never managed to cross the goal line, and at the final horn G.W. Long left the field with the impressive 35-0 win.

Levon Wheeler gained 23 yards on 10 carries to lead the Zion Chapel ground attack, while Timothy Jackson added 22 yards on 6 totes. Moses Coleman led Long with 137 yards on 9 carries, and 3 touchdowns, while Lorenzo Williams added a 64-yard pass reception for a score and also returned a kickoff 81 yards for another score.

The Zion Chapel defense was led by Levon Wheeler with 4 tackles and 6 a.s., Brandon Williams led the G.W. Long defense with 4 tackles and 8 a.s.



A Zion Chapel receiver leaps high in an attempt to pull in a pass in the endzone during action in Friday night's 35-0 loss to G.W. Long. The Rebel offense will need to get on the scoreboard this week when Zion Chapel travels to Arlton.

## Watches as record dips to 0-3

## Kinston ripped by Tigers 41-8

By Chad Simmons, Sportswriter

The Kinston Bulldogs were on the road Friday night as they traveled to Red Level to battle the powerful Red Level Tigers, and the Bulldogs enjoyed the ride more than the game as the Tigers scored early and often to post a big 41-6 win.

The loss left the Bulldogs with an 0-3 record, while Red Level improved to 1-2 with the win.

Despite giving up over forty points for the second straight week, the Bulldog defense showed some improvement and held the Tigers on several key plays.

Kinston quarterback Bishop Edwards led the Bulldogs down the field on the first series of the night, and the Bulldogs reached the Red Level 24-yardline, only to turn the ball over on downs after a big penalty slowed the Kinston drive.

Disaster struck for the Bulldogs after an exchange of fumbles, as on a Red Level punt the football struck a Kinston player on the back, and the Tigers recovered the Bulldog fumble at the Kinston 30-yardline.

Red Level quickly powered its way into the endzone and moved on top 7-0 with action still taking place in the opening stanza.

The Kinston Bulldog offense looks for room to operate during action Friday night in the Bulldogs' loss to Red Level. This week the Bulldogs will travel to Samson to challenge the Samson Tigers, in the renewal of an annual high school gridiron rivalry.



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## Elba Lady Tigers smash G.W. Long to improve volleyball record to 4-0

The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team has been running on all cylinders in opening season action as they own a 4-0 record after two weeks of play.

The Lady Tigers opened the season against New Brockton and rolled to a 15-5, 18-16 win, then traveled to Red Level and claimed a double-header win. In the wins over Red Level, the Lady Tigers won by scores of 15-3, 13-4, and 15-4, 15-12, with top players in the wins

being Michelle Lewis, Melissa Grantham, Melissa Mularz and Kendra Vaughan.

The Lady Tigers moved to 4-0 on the season with a 15-5, 15-8 win over G.W. Long. Melissa Grantham had a big night in the win.

Following is the Lady Tigers schedule for the coming week:

Thursday, Sept. 16 - G.W. Long-Home

Monday, Sept. 21 - Goshen-Away

Wednesday, Sept. 23 - Troy-Away

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# CHURCH & COMMUNITY

## First Assembly of God to host senior

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Each Saturday, Sept. 26 - Oct. 17 the group will meet at the church at 7:30 a.m., have a continental breakfast, board the church van for the trip, have lunch and return in the afternoon.

## Damascus Baptist Church Youth

### to raise funds for missions

The youth of Damascus Baptist Church are beginning a campaign to raise funds toward a mission trip next summer.

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**Coffee County Baptist Association to host Minister's Wives Personal Growth Conference**

Coffee County Baptist Association will host a Minister's Wives Personal Growth Conference Saturday, Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Coffee Baptist Center, 601 E. McKinnon, Hwy. 84, New Brockton.

Mrs. Emma Dean Ricks of Bay Minette will be conference leader. Mrs. Ricks is a social worker with

the Alabama Dept. of Human Resources, and is the wife of Rev. Don Ricks.

Lunch will be provided. All ministers' wives, regardless of religious affiliation, are invited to attend the conference.

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**Bible Study planned at Basin Baptist Church**

A Precept Bible Study (authored by Kay Arthur) will begin at Basin Baptist Church in the fellowship hall, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

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Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to join the "prime-timers" for a day of festivals.

The trip for Sept. 26 may begin earlier in the morning, and interested persons may call the church at 897-6625/2880 for more information.

Lunch will be provided. All ministers' wives, regardless of religious affiliation, are invited to attend the conference.

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\*\*\*Scripture: 1 Cor. 14:21-26

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: The Adams, Siler and Grag families, Hannah Coleman, John E. Folmar, Ella Mae Brooks, Rev. E. Magwood, Grover Belcher, Mose Batte, Maggie Bryant, Leslie R. Davis, Rev. Charles Lane, Ada Jones, Versie Barnes, Lela Tyson, and the George Wallace family.

\*\*\*St. John Baptist Church of Laverne will have Homecoming and Revival Sept. 20-25, with Rev. L.C. McMillian, pastor of Antioch and Bethel Baptist Churches as evangelist for the week. Rev. Lionel S. Davis is pastor of St. John Baptist. Theme is from Luke 19:10.

Sunday School will be held at 10, morning worship at 11 a.m., homecoming services starting at 2:30 p.m. with devotional by Rocky Head, Elba and visiting officers. Guest choir will render music, welcome - Mr. Marvin Smith, homecoming sermon by Rev. A.R. Williams.

Revival services will begin at 7:30 nightly: Monday - Rock West, Old Mt. Zion, Athens AME, New Hope (Valley), Goshen First Baptist and Old Mt. Zion (Brantley); Tuesday - Sweetwater, Pleasant Hill, Friendship Baptist, St. Mark (Glenwood), and House of God (Rutledge); Wednesday - King's Chapel, Rockdale, Mr. Canaan, Roxanna and Little Baptist Hill, Thursday - St. Matthews (Brantley), Good Hope, Bethlehem, New Freedom and Old Mt. Pleasant (Hwy 231), Baptist Hill; Friday - Woodford Avenue Community, Star Hope, Friendship COGIC, and Antioch and Bethel Baptist Churches (Troy).

On Saturday, Sept. 12, Grover and Eria Mae Lindsey Belcher celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in their home on Old Curtis Road, Elba. Mr. Lindsey had just returned from the hospital on Sept. 11.

Many relatives and friends, children and grandchildren, and great-grandchildren came to visit and offer wishes for many more anniversaries. Cards and telephone calls made their day a happy one.

"God is good all the time," said the Belchers, "and we give Him all the honor and praise for keeping us these many years."

"We believe in doing what you can; it's not enough to live and support our family, but you must do

something more. Seek always to do some good somewhere, you must give some time to your fellowman - to those in need - expecting nothing in return, for no one lives in this world alone."

"God gave us all these friends, and for that we are grateful," Eria and Grover

\*\*\*Annual Missionary and Matrons Day will be held at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 802 Newton Street, Elba, Rev. Dr. John L. Grayer, pastor, on Sept. 20. Theme: Matthew 9:29.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., regular worship at 11:00, dinner served in dining hall afterwards.

Program at 2:30: Mistress of Order - Sis. Ruby Stinson; processional - all matrons, missionaries; devotional - visitors; music: Greater Springfield Choir; welcome and occasion - Sis. Lorine Cole and Sis. Janie Kelly; matron's pledge - Sis. Dorothy Flowers; missionary pledge - Sis. Cora McBride; challenge to missionaries and matrons - Sis. Flay W. Hurt; sermon - Rev. Harvey Williams, interim pastor of Greater Springfield Baptist Church, New Brockton; recognition of visitors - Sis. Alzie Daves; remarks - Sis. Lizzie Henry, counselor, Elba Zion's Matron Dept.

\*\*\*Annual Combined Choirs Anniversary: Bethlehem First Baptist Church, 109 McGriff St., Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., Rev. S.L. Thigpen, pastor, Saturday, Sept. 19, 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m.

All Gospel choirs are asked to present an A and B selection. All churches invited. Sis. Tella Hughes is committee chairwoman.

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Sis. Lizzie Wright; speaker - Sis. Dorothy Richardson, vice president, Salem, Enterprise; selection - New Zion Choir; alternate - Rev. L.C. Carter; sermon - Rev. Willie Peterson, pastor, New Zion Baptist Church, Elba; offering - Finance Committee; Sis. Joyce Coleman presiding at 1:30 p.m.; devotional - Sis. Annie P. Siler; matrons to render music; presentation of president - Sis. Janie Kelly; address by Sis. Yelverton; memorial service - Sister Carolyn Lawrence, Sis. Catherine Neal, Sis. Alzie Daves; Enrollment - churches - \$15.00; personal - \$5.00; special offer - \$100 each matron's circle.

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## New Brockton council meeting long & routine

New Brockton's monthly town council meeting was lengthy in discussion but short on official actions taken.

Members heard a request from Miss and Little Miss New Brockton for \$200 to go toward a float in the annual National Peanut Festival Parade in Dothan. It was suggested that they seek donations from local merchants as had been done in the past and, if funds are still needed, return to the council and they would consider the matter on an individual basis, meaning they would personally contribute to the cause.

On another request for funds, the council agreed to budget \$300 to the Family Service Center. This center

serves as a focal point for families in need by coordinating the efforts of the many agencies involved preventing duplication of services in many cases.

A bid for repair on certain streets in the town was rejected by the council as being too high and the mayor was instructed to negotiate with the contractor or rebid the project.

Jim Driskell appeared before the council seeking a license for a bed and breakfast establishment. His request was granted.

The council approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$21,432.00 leaving a balance in the general fund of \$39,000.00.

A budget of \$308,728.00 was approved for the new fiscal year. The new budget is just \$910.00 more than last year's.

The Senior Citizen Center requested help in making some needed repairs to the Center. The council agreed to designate \$1,000 for immediate help in making the repairs and possibly make additional contributions if needed.

Finally, a letter of appreciation was read commending Tony Bloodworth on his work with the town's street department.

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 5, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall.

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## CCC

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process and deposits in the bank. She also noted that a better link (paper trail) is being established between the different collection points such as the county landfill and fuel pumps at the highway department.

Lolley noted that hopefully, the new financial management software will be most helpful in providing additional checks and balances.

In other matters of business, commissioners took the following actions:

\*\*\*Accepted the bid for the imaging system for the probate office. The system will record all the county records at a cost of \$4 per document. In connection with this, the commission voted to raise recording fees \$2, making them \$6 per document.

\*\*\*Awarded the bid for the county's financial management software to DataBase Systems Corporation of Hattiesburg, MS. Their bid was \$26,485.00.

\*\*\*Tractor & Equipment Company of Montgomery was low bidder on motorgrader blades at \$8,136.00.

\*\*\*Approved replacing the awning that covers the buses at the

Elba Adult Day Care. This will be paid for with insurance money - \$6,200.00.

\*\*\*Voted to send out bids for fixing or replacing the heating and cooling system at the County Complex.

\*\*\*Passed two resolutions: one initializing a flood repair project on Co. Rd. 474 and another allowing the commission chairman to enter into an agreement with the state highway department to resurface Co. Rd. 622.

Approved Tindell's request to send out annual bid requests for crushed stone, signs, fertilizer, herbicides, and asphalt.

\*\*\*Leased the old New Hope School auditorium to Donald and Blake Foley to be used twice a week for an auction. The rent will be \$150 per month on a month-to-month basis. The renters will be required to provide liability insurance.

\*\*\*Instructed the highway department to erect signs designating a community in the Perdue Community.

\*\*\*Signed a resolution budgeting a cost-of-living raise for the county's retirees.

## CBOE

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Bowden told members of the board that he foresees no problem in the system being declared unitary after a full review by the federal judge.

Following a ten-minute executive session, no action was taken and no comment was made as to why board member Rubin McKinnon requested the closed session.

At the request of Board member Joyce Barksdale, the board approved a letter of congratulations to Elizabeth Bowden, Kinston High School's Home Economics teacher who received recognition from a local television station for her promotion of energy preservation.

Finally, Board member Ben Amstrong expressed concern about home schooling and the seeming lack of control or monitoring of the program.

Bowden told Amstrong that documentation is on file in his office where the home schooling in the county is being done by a certificated teacher. Also, he commented that his office, by law, has to be notified if a student drops out or home schooling is discontinued.

Other matters acted on by the board consisted of the following:

\*\*\*Accepted low bid for furnishing propane gas to the county school from Empire Gas and National Butane.

\*\*\*Approved sending out invitations for bids on replacing the carpet in the activities building at the New Brockton Elementary School.

Bowden estimated the cost would be between \$10 and \$15 thousand.

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Morrow told council members that the contractor is at work on the long awaited Phase I of the levee repair. This is the project secured by retiring Senator Howell Heflin and managed by the Army Corp of Engineers.

He also expressed thanks to the National Guard for their outstanding help in cleaning the canal and stockpiling fill dirt for use in filling sandbags during later emergencies.

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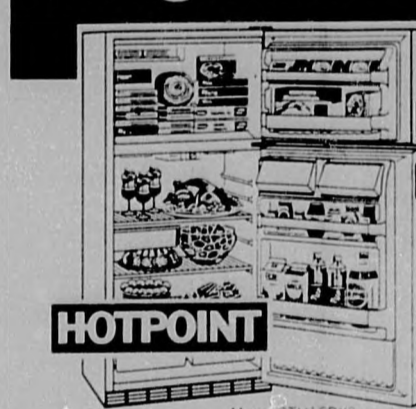
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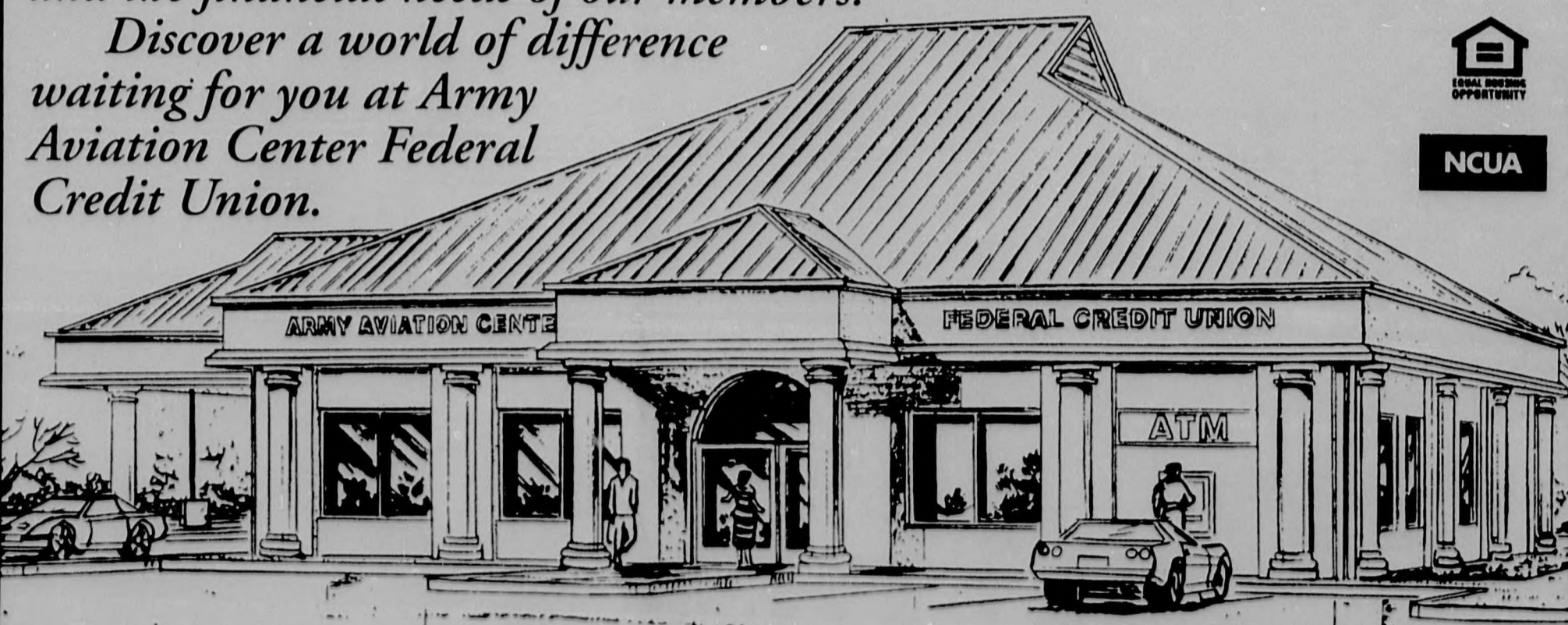
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## Miss Teenworld event to be held in Montgomery on January 2nd

Registration for the Alabama Miss Teenworld-1999 official preliminary state pageant is being held during the month of September. Teen misses desiring to represent their local area in the upcoming pageant should call 1-800-459-3334 for an application and further information. Pageant festivities will be held at the Convention Center in Montgomery on Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999.

To qualify as a representative, the teen miss must be between the ages of 13 and 18 and have a genuine interest in "lifestyle excellence and lifestyle betterment."

Winner of the Miss Teenworld-Alabama will receive a \$1000 cash scholarship, a \$1000 appearance contract and a \$500 correspondence finishing course and will represent Alabama in the national finals.

**CELEBRATING GRANDPARENT'S DAY**...In honor of Grandparent's Day (Sunday), the employee at the Christian Mission Store celebrated early by dressing as "grandpa and grandma" last Friday. Pictured above are: (l-r) Vada Lamb, part-time employee; Ann Adams, store coordinator; Celia Allen, volunteer worker; Joanne Bradshaw, and Dora Grissett, store manager.



## Benefit Sing For Wayne Mills to be held

There will be a Benefit Gospel Singing for little Wayne Mills, son of Wayne and Vonetta Mills of Jack, Sunday evening, Sept. 27, at New Hope Baptist Church in northeast Coffee County. The event is being sponsored by Baptist Young Women of New Hope Baptist Church.

Gospel groups appearing will be "Resting Place" and "Faithful."

A hot dog and hamburger supper will be available 5 - 6 p.m., with singing beginning at 6 p.m.

A cake sale will be held during intermission.

Everyone is invited, and all proceeds will go toward medical expenses for Wayne Mills.

## September is only time to sign up for tuition program

September is the only month in 1998 that a child can be enrolled in Alabama's Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (PACT) program, and State Treasurer Lucy Baxley encourages parents to consider enrolling their children now. Enrollment of children from infancy to ninth grade is open one month each year.

Laws establishing this program provide an opportunity for parents, grandparents, or other sponsors to participate by purchasing a contract with PACT. Benefits of the contract provide full payment of tuition and mandatory fees for four years undergraduate school at any public college or university in the state.

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To receive additional information or application for enrollment, call the PACT Division of the Treasurer's Office at 1-800/252-7228, or 334/242-7514.

## ABC Board to train clerks in tobacco sales

The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has revealed a tobacco training program to a focus group of clerks and managers. Under the new Alabama tobacco law, merchants and clerks can be fined for selling tobacco products to anyone under 19.

While penalizing lawbreakers, the law also provides for support of merchant efforts to prohibit underage sales.

The ABC Board will offer a training program for store owners and employees on the new laws, how to avoid illegal sales, and how to recognize valid and fake ID's.

The preview of this program, which will be available throughout the state later this fall, allows store personnel to evaluate the training and offer suggestions.

## Workshop scheduled for Andalusia to discuss deer season changes

A Deer Workshop will be held in Andalusia Tuesday, Sept. 22, in the Dixon Memorial Room at Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College, hosted by the Alabama Game and Fish Division.

The 7:30 p.m. workshop is open to the public free of charge as an opportunity to discuss upcoming changes for the 1998-99 deer season, as well as a wide range of issues related to successful deer hunting and management.

Charles D. Kelley, Director of the Alabama Game and Fish Division, said, "We feel it is important for

deer hunters to be well informed about the expanded opportunities being made available to them."

The Game and Fish Division also points out that "deer hunting is big business in Alabama, generating some \$394,400,604 in retail sales in 1996, according to a survey by Southwick Associates," and that "Alabama ranks fifth in the nation for retail sales associated with deer hunting, based upon the data furnished."

The format will provide time for questions.

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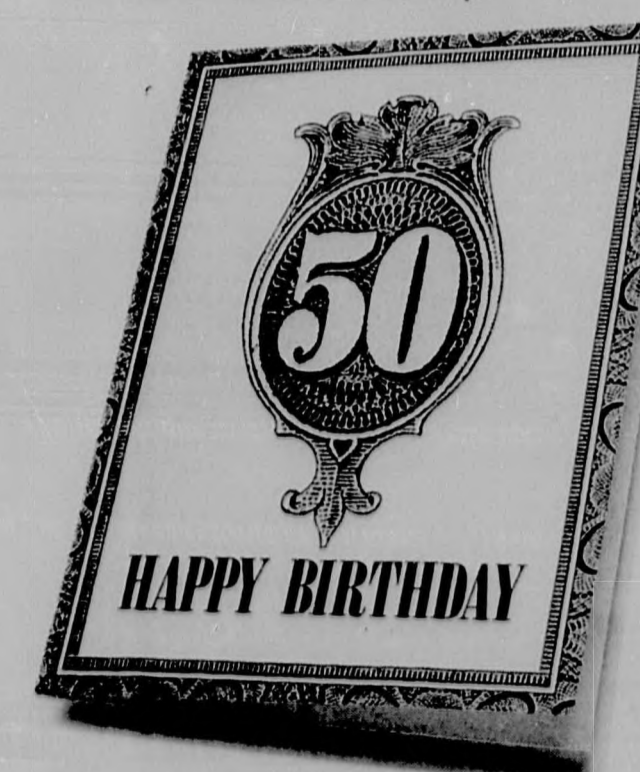
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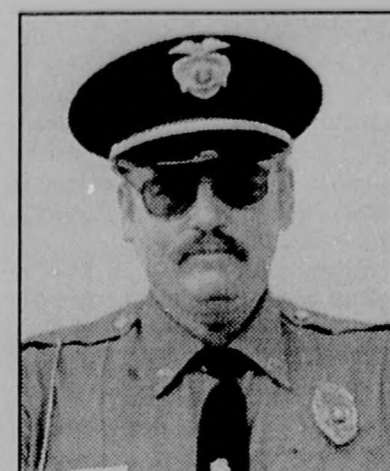
## Board recommends Patrick's termination

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Last Thursday evening, Michael Patrick was given a hearing before a three-member personnel review board and Elba Police Chief R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth's recommendation to terminate him was upheld. The review board was made up of Elba Mayor James E. Grimes, Elba Water & Electric Board Chairman Tim Johnson, and Councilman Harold Bannin (Patrick's choice for the review board).

After hearing testimony from the chief, several police officers, and other individuals, the board made its decision to follow the chief's recommendation and recommend termination to the full city council at its next regular meeting (Monday, September 28).

Officer Patrick, a 15-year veteran of the Elba Police Department, has



MICHAEL PATRICK

been on suspension from the department since his arrest in April on misdemeanor charges of theft by deception.

The arrest (Patrick turned himself

in at the Coffee County Jail on September 16) followed a complaint being filed against Patrick by Bancroft Cooper, owner of Elba Pawn and Gun.

The original complaint filed with the Elba Police Department alleged that Patrick pawned the title to two vehicles which he did not legally own for money. The amount of money involved in the transaction was \$150 for each of the titles/cars for a total of \$300.00.

Chief Whitworth had requested that the Alabama Bureau of Investigation look into the matter of the complaint since it was filed against a member of his police department.

After several delays, Patrick was tried September 1st on the two charges of theft and found guilty on one of the charges and not guilty on the other. The conviction on the one charge has been appealed by Patrick and his attorney G. A. Lindsey.

Lindsey, who also represented Patrick in the review board hearing, contended that the hearing should not be held until the case on appeal has been decided.

The board heard testimony from Chief Whitworth that he had been told Patrick had made indirect threats toward fellow police officers; also, the chief said that he would recommend Officer Patrick's termination, even without a conviction, due to testimony offered in court that he had forged a signature on an automobile title of ownership.

The review board listened to witnesses for more than two hours before retiring for about a half hour to discuss the testimony and reach its decision.

Patrick was sentenced to thirty days in jail and ordered to pay restitution and court cost. He is free on a \$500 appearance bond pending the outcome of his appeal.

## NOTICE

The annual Christmas Festival in Elba will be held on Saturday, November 28, 1998, on the courthouse square in downtown Elba. Activities will include arts & crafts, food vendors, musical entertainment, children's activities, Miss Christmas Pageants, and the Christmas Parade. Anyone wishing to purchase vendor space is encouraged to contact the following: Elba Chamber of Commerce @ (334) 897-1125, Joan Ward @ (334) 897-5341 (evenings), or Buddy Shively @ (334) 897-5732.



**LEVEE REHAB.** Work is continuing on the rehabilitation of Elba's levee. Pictured above are men and machines from Dreco Incorporated out of Tuskegee, AL, working to clear brush and debris from both sides of the levee. A piece of equipment being used is pictured above. It consists of an excavator which has a mower attached to the end instead of a bucket. A bush-hog and tractor is also being used to mow the levee. The work should be completed within the next few days.



**LEVEE SURVEY UNDERWAY...** A mapping survey team is presently working in Elba surveying the levee. The digital mapping and survey firm, Southeast Digital Mapping, L.L.C. out of Theodore, AL, is participating in the initial stage of the "design update" of the levee surrounding the city of Elba. The survey work will take several days to complete as the present levee will be surveyed and mapped so that engineers/designers and planners can review the survey before taking the next step in making the Elba levee safer. Estus Walker, P.E., executive director of the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed management (extreme left), and State Representative Garret Moore (second from left) are pictured above with Joe Davenport (third from left), project manager and co-owner of SDM; Tim Summey (second from right), co-owner of SDM; and members of the survey team.

## State institutes ALL Kids Insurance program

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Two weeks after enrollment was opened, the Alabama Department of Public Health has received applications from 6,000 families to enroll children in the new "no fee" or "limited fee" health insurance program.

The ALL Kids Insurance Program started accepting applications August 25. As of September 9, some 410 families had been approved for the program and 662 applicants have been referred to Medicaid. Eligible children will begin coverage October 1, 1998.

Children up to the age of 19 from families earning between 100 and 200 percent of the federal poverty limit are eligible for the new program. Children in families with lower incomes will be eligible for Medicaid coverage.

Dr. Donald Williamson, state health officer, said that families that appear to be potentially eligible for Medicaid will be notified and the application will be forwarded to Medicaid for processing.

"A program like this only comes along once in a generation," said Dr. Williamson. "We encourage all eligible families to consider enrolling in either ALL Kids or Medicaid, and to take advantage of this wonderful program."

ALL Kids application forms may



State Health Officer Dr. Donald Williamson reviews some of the first applications for ALL Kids, a no-fee or reduced-fee private health insurance program for Alabama children. Effective October 1 children up to age 19 will be eligible for coverage.

Families with lower incomes will not be charged any fees. Families with higher incomes will pay either \$50 per year or \$6 per month for 10 months for each child. Under no circumstances will any co-payment be above \$5. Coverage will not be limited or denied because of preexisting illness.

Applications for ALL Kids can also be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.alapubhealth.org/library>, or by calling toll free 1-888-373-KIDS.

## Area Happenings

**AREA FOOTBALL.** Area high school football games scheduled for Friday are as follows: Elba travels to Geneva; Zion Chapel plays host to cross-county rival New Brockton; Kinston is at home against G. W. Long; and Brantley plays host to county rival Luverne. All games, unless otherwise noted, start at 7:30 p.m.

**BUILDING DEDICATION.** The New Brockton Fire Department and New Brockton Rescue Squad will hold a grand opening and dedication of their new fire and rescue building Saturday, September 26, at 2:00 p.m. The new facility is located on Ainsley Street.

**JAIL RESTORATION.** A Jail Restoration Kick-Off Day will be held Saturday, October 3, 1998 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be tours and live entertainment.

**HUNTER EDUCATION.** The next Hunter Education Course is scheduled for November 4, 5, and 6 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The course will be taught at Alabama Department of Conservation - Game & Fish Division Office in Enterprise. For more information call 347-5975 or 347-9467.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.** Plans are now underway for Elba's annual Christmas Festival to be held on the square in downtown Elba. The date is Saturday, November 28, 1998. Watch for additional announcements and information concerning the festival in *The Elba Clipper*.

## Coffee County Sheriff Department's DLC proves to be unroutine

into a nearby yard, but the deputy was not loaded.

The deputy pulled in behind the suspect car and as he was getting out of his patrol car, Chancey exited his vehicle waving a shotgun.

Chancey told the deputy, and others who had also arrived to assist the chase officer, that he had been drinking but he was not going to jail! He also threatened to hurt himself if deputies tried to arrest him.

While other deputies got Chancey's attention, he was subdued from behind, and his weapon taken away from him without incident.

The incident lasted less than five minutes according to officers.

Needless to say, the man spent the night in the Coffee County Jail. Chancey was charged with attempting to elude, menacing, and driving under the influence.

Deputies returned to the roadblock and continued their license check.